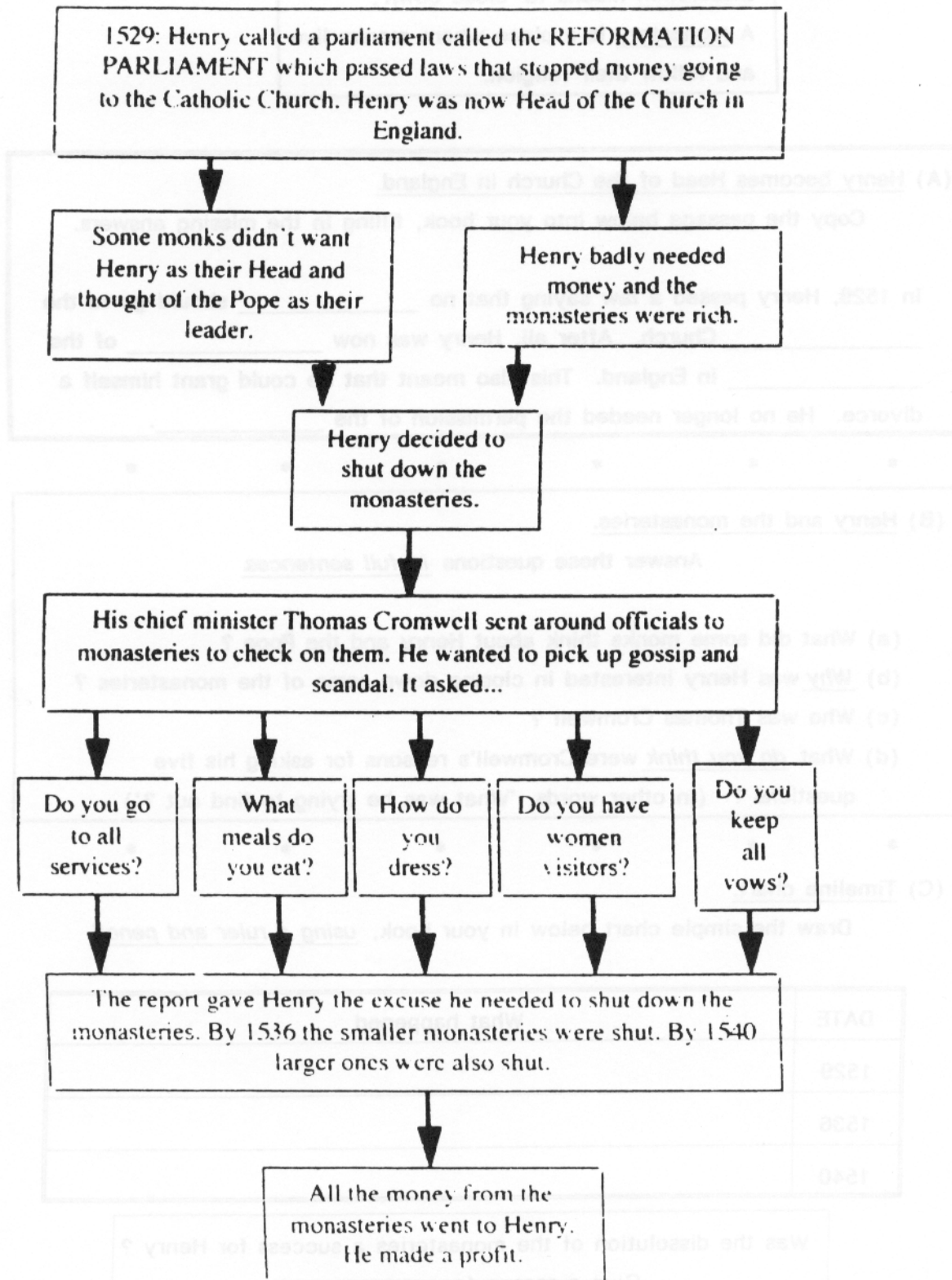


# The Dissolution of the Monasteries



Henry VIII and the dissolution of the monasteries.

Copy the box below into your book.

**KEY WORDS :**  
Dissolution means to 'close down'.  
A monastery is a place where monks live and follow their religion.

**(A) Henry becomes Head of the Church in England.**

Copy the passage below into your book, filling in the missing answers.

In 1529, Henry passed a law saying that no \_\_\_\_\_ should go to the \_\_\_\_\_ Church. After all, Henry was now \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ in England. This also meant that he could grant himself a divorce. He no longer needed the permission of the \_\_\_\_\_.

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**(B) Henry and the monasteries.**

Answer these questions in full sentences.

- (a) What did some monks think about Henry and the Pope ?
- (b) Why was Henry interested in closing down some of the monasteries ?
- (c) Who was Thomas Cromwell ?
- (d) What do you think were Cromwell's reasons for asking his five questions ? (In other words, 'What was he trying to find out ?')

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**(C) Timeline chart.**

Draw the simple chart below in your book, using a ruler and pencil.

DATE	What happened
1529	
1536	
1540	

Was the dissolution of the monasteries a success for Henry ?  
Give a reason for your answer.

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