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UK Prime Minister Theresa May calls general election for 8 June



British Prime Minister Theresa May has called for a general election to take place on Thursday, 8 June.

In a general election, adults across the UK vote to choose the MPs (Members of Parliament) that represent their local areas, or constituencies.

The political party that wins the most MPs usually forms the government that runs the country.

The announcement has come as a surprise because the next election isn't due to happen until 2020.

Mrs May has previously said she wouldn't call an election earlier than then. She explained on Tuesday that having one now was in the national interest.

"I have only recently and reluctantly come to this conclusion," she said outside 10 Downing Street.

"Since I became prime minister I've said there should be no election until 2020, but now I have concluded that the only way to guarantee certainty and security for the years ahead is to hold this election and seek your support for the decisions we must take."

This comes after Mrs May officially kicked off the process of the UK leaving the European Union, the club of 28 countries around Europe.

However, two-thirds of the 650 MPs must agree to the early general election plan on Wednesday for it to go ahead on 8 June.

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Questions

1. When will the election happen? _____

2. What do the letters M.P. mean? _____

3. When was the next election due to happen? _____

4. Why does Theresa May want an election now? _____

5. Write two proper nouns from the text:

1. _____ 2. _____

6. What is the text? Tick (✓) the correct answer.

- letter
- article
- advert

7. How many MPs must agree to the plan for a general election? _____

8. What is the purpose of this text? Tick (✓) the correct answer.

- to give information about the election
- to persuade you to vote for Theresa May
- to invite you to the election

9. Look up **reluctantly** in a dictionary and write the meaning. _____

10. Underline the conjunction in this sentence:

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UK General Election 2017 – video task

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