

Chapter 8 Parliamentary Day

Words and terms

Chapter 8

- preliminary: preparatory arrangement
- rota : turn
- interrogator: who question formally
- elucidation: explanation
- aggrieve: have grievance
- at greater length
- personalities: persons
- discretion
- give preference to
- spontaneous adj. : natural
spontaneity n.
- obstinately: stubbornly
- each day's **sitting**
- The Standing Orders
- Order Paper: programme sheet
- debate **on the adjournment**:
at the end of day's business
- (front/back) bench
- dispatch box
- wind up the debate: put an end to
- the **Clerk** of the House: the Commons' most senior official

Review

Chapter 8

- Each parliamentary day is composed of 'question time' and 'main debate'. Give your understanding to 'question time'.
- What are the subjects for discussion in the Commons during around 160 sitting days?
- On a typical day, how long does the main debate last? How many Members might have chance to speak? Do they speak anytime as they like?
- How do the Speakers lead the debate by following the convention and their own personality?

Summary

Hand in next week

- Only one summary of both Chapter 7 and Chapter 8
- Entitled “Working of the House of Commons”
- Around 250 words
- Closely follow the guideline “Writing A Summary” in QQ file
- Use the questions in two chapters for reference
- Check and proofreading would ensure good writing

After-class work before
chapter 9 in class

- Learn words and expressions of Chapter 8 by heart
- Do listening practice for full understanding : two pieces on QQ, for any new words check up in the dictionary and learn them by heart
- Read chapter 9 and come up with questions.