

parliament ^{AW} /'pɑ:ləmənt/ **noun** (POLITICS)

1 [C] the group of people who are elected to make and change the laws of a country **2** **Parliament** [sing.] the parliament of the United Kingdom: *a Member of Parliament (MP)*

CULTURE

Parliament

The UK Parliament consists of the **House of Lords**, whose members have been appointed rather than elected, and the **House of Commons**, whose members have been elected by the people to represent areas of the country (called **constituencies**).

parliamentary /pɑ:lə'mentri/ **adj.** (only before a noun) (POLITICS) connected with parliament

parody /'pærədi/ **noun** [C,U] (pl. **parodies**) (LITERATURE) a piece of writing, speech or music that copies the style of sb/sth in a funny way: *a parody of a spy novel* ▶ **parody verb** [T] (pres. part. **parodying**; 3rd person sing. pres. **parodies**; pt, pp **parodied**)

parole /pə'rəʊl/ **noun** [U] (LAW) permission that is given to a prisoner to leave prison early on the condition that they behave well: *He's going to be released on parole.*

parrot /'pærət/ **noun** [C] a type of tropical bird with a curved beak and usually with very bright feathers. **Parrots** that are kept as pets can be trained to copy what people say.

'parrot-fashion **adv.** without understanding the meaning of sth: *to learn sth parrot-fashion*

parsley /'pɑ:slɪ/ **noun** [U] a plant with small leaves that are used in cooking and for food decoration as a **HERB**

parsnip /'pɑ:snɪp/ **noun** [C] a long thin white vegetable, that grows under the ground

part ^{AW} /pɑ:t/ **noun** **1** [C,U] (a) ~ (of sth) one of the pieces, areas, periods, things, etc. that together with others forms the whole of sth; some, but not all of sth: *Which part of Spain do you come from?* ♦ *The film is good in parts.* ♦ *spare parts for a car* ♦ *a part of the body* ♦ *Part of the problem is lack of information.* ♦ *I enjoy being part of a team.* **2** [C] (ARTS AND MEDIA) a role or character in a play, film, etc.: *He played the part of Macbeth.* ♦ *I had a small part in the school play.* **3** **parts** [pl.] a region or an area: *Are you from these parts?* **4** (ARTS AND MEDIA) [C] a section of a book, television series, etc.: *You can see part two of this programme at the same time next week.* **5** [C] an amount or quantity (of a liquid or substance): *Use one part cleaning fluid to ten parts water.*

IDM **the best/better part of sth** most of sth; more than half of sth, especially a period of time: *They've lived here for the best part of forty years.*

for the most part usually or mostly

for my/his/their, etc. part speaking for myself, himself, etc.; personally

have/play a part (in sth) to be involved in sth

in part not completely: *The accident was, in part, the fault of the driver.*

on the part of sb/on sb's part made, done or felt by sb: *There is concern on the part of the teachers that class sizes will increase.* ♦ *I'm sorry. It was a mistake on my part.*

take part (in sth) to join with other people in an activity: *Everybody took part in the discussion.*

part ² /pɑ:t/ **verb** **1** [I,T] (formal) ~ (sb) (from sb) to leave or go away from sb; to separate people or things: *We exchanged telephone numbers when we parted.* ♦ *He hates being parted from his children for long.* **2** [I,T] to move apart; to make things or people

move apart: *Her lips were slightly parted.* **3** [T] to separate the hair on the head with a comb in order to make a clear line: *She parts her hair in the middle.*

☞ look at **parting**

IDM **part company (with sb/sth)** to go different ways or to separate after being together

PHRV **part with sth** to give or sell sth to sb: *When we went to live in Italy, we had to part with our horses.*

part ³ /pɑ:t/ **adv.** not completely one thing and not completely another: *She's part Russian and part Chinese.*

part ex'change **noun** [U] a way of buying sth, such as a car, in which you give your old one as some of the payment for a more expensive one

partial /'pɑ:ʃl/ **adj.** **1** not complete: *The project was only a partial success.* **2** (old-fashioned) ~ to sth liking sth very much: *He's very partial to ice cream.*

▶ **partially** **adv.**

partiality /pɑ:ʃi'æləti/ **noun** [U] (formal) unfair support for one person, team, etc. above another: *The referee was accused of partiality towards the home team.* **OPP** impartiality

participant **AW** /pɑ:'tɪsɪpənt/ **noun** [C] a person who takes part in sth

participate **AW** /pɑ:'tɪsɪpeɪt/ **verb** [I] ~ (in sth) to take part or become involved in sth: *Students are encouraged to participate in sporting activities.*

▶ **participation** **AW** /pɑ:'tɪsɪpeɪʃn/ **noun** [U]

▶ **participatory** **AW** /pɑ:'tɪsɪpeɪtəri/ **adj.**: *Ordinary people had no participatory role in the Government.*

participle /'pɑ:tɪsɪpl; pɑ:'tɪsɪpl/ **noun** [C] (LANGUAGE) a word that is formed from a verb and that ends in -ing (present participle) or -ed, -en, etc. (past participle). **Participles** are used to form TENSES of the verb, or as adjectives: *'Hurrying' and 'hurried' are the present and past participles of 'hurry'.*

particle /'pɑ:tɪkl/ **noun** [C] **1** a very small piece; a bit: *dust particles* **2** (PHYSICS) a very small piece of matter, such as an ELECTRON or PROTON, that is part of an atom ☞ look at **alpha particle**, **elementary particle** **3** (LANGUAGE) a small word that is not as important as a noun, verb or adjective: *In the phrasal verb 'break down', 'down' is an adverbial particle.*

particular ^{AW} /pə'tɪkjələ(r)/ **adj.** **1** (only before a noun) used to emphasize that you are talking about one person, thing, time, etc. and not about others: *Is there any particular dish you enjoy making?* **2** (only before a noun) greater than usual; special: *This article is of particular interest to me.*

3 connected with one person or thing and not with others: *Everybody has their own particular problems.*

4 ~ (about/over sth) (not before a noun) difficult to please: *Some people are extremely particular about what they eat.* ☞ look at **fussy**

IDM **in particular** especially: *Is there anything in particular you'd like to do this weekend?*

particularly ^{AW} /pə'tɪkjələli/ **adv.**

especially; more than usual or more than others: *I'm particularly interested in Indian history.* ♦ *The match was excellent, particularly the second half.*

particulars /pə'tɪkjələz/ **noun** [pl.] (formal) facts or details about sb/sth: *The police took down all the particulars about the missing child.*

parting /'pɑ:tɪŋ/ **noun** **1** [C,U] saying goodbye to, or being separated from, another person (usually for quite a long time) **2** [C] the line in a person's hair