# 1 Voting and elections

Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

co	ycotted alition ctatorship	hung landslide main	opposition rigging
ı.		government's policion	es, so I voted for
2.	There are three country.	part	ies in our
3.	The government	t won the election l	by a
4.		n resulted in a re no-one won an o	
5.		y formed aaller right-wing part	
6.	The government election so they	t was accused of would win.	the
7.		rtytl In't think it would b	
8.		e ain ections are relatively	
	sentences abo	ese sentences wit ve. Use some nou	
9.	They abandoned their manifesto.	l the	they outlined in
10.	Iraq had ayears.	for the be	st part of 40
н.	The government	rushed the bill thr	ough
12.	The three-party year.	colla	psed after a
13.	The opposition	is in	total disarray.
14.	They've called a	n for	8 <sup>th</sup> August.
15.	They invaded us	and installed a pup	pet
16.	We need more	women standing for	·
17.	The scandal near	rly brought down th	ne

#### 2 It's a fine line

If you say it's a fine line between two things, you think there's not much difference between them and it's easy to cross that line – move from one thing to the other.

Match 1	the	sentence	beginnings	with	the	endings
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ı.	lt's a fine line be	etween smooth and	
2.	It's a fine line be	etween liberator and	
3.	It's a fine line be	etween genius and	Ē
4.	lt's a fine line be	etween news and	F
5.	It's a fine line be	etween helping and	F
6.	It's a fine line be	etween outbreak and	F
<b>7</b> .	It's a fine line be	etween enough and	Ē
8.	It's a fine line be	etween fear and	Ē
Ь.	insanity.	d. smarmy. g. occupier. e. exhilaration. h. interferin	
C.	too much.	f. epidemic.	

## 3 Talking about politicians

Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

charismatic direct down-to-earth		flustered hypocrite passionate	shifty spark
ı.	He's got an aur	a about him. He's	very
2.		of the people. Ho out him. He seems	e's got no s very
3.		ss as being really ns to really believe	 e in what he's talkin
4.	, ,	ht with people, l'l – always says	l give him that. He's what he thinks.
5.	He never gives	a straight answer.	He's just really
6.	He comes acros	ss as a bit dull. He o get elected.	hasn't got the
7:	He doesn't prac	ctise what he prea	iches. He's such a

8. He's very smooth. I've never seen him get ......in front of the cameras.

### 4 Sentences starting with What

Rewrite the sentences so that they start with What and a verb to emphasise how you feel. The first one has been done as an example.

- He won't admit to having made mistakes, which is really annoying.
   What really annoys me is the fact that he won't admit to having made mistakes.
- 2. The lack of investment in education is worrying.
- They've been ploughing an enormous amount of money into nuclear weapons! It's very disturbing.
- The guy actually took responsibility for the cock-up and resigned, which was a pleasant change.
- Proposing to introduce trial without jury is a concern.
- I know mistakes happen that's fair enough but this wasn't an isolated incident. That's the scary thing.
- He speaks down to people all the time. I get really angry about it.

# Word building: elect

Complete the sentences with the words in the box. You will need to use some words more than once.

elective	re-elected
electoral	unelectable
electorate	
	electoral

- The upcoming general ...... promises to be very closely contested.
- 2. The party is a shambles. They're totally .......
- 3. There's pressure to reform the .....system.
- None of the European commissioners are ....., but they wield a lot of power nevertheless.
- After the disaster, the opposition was accused of
   ......when they criticised the government's
   performance. The government said the opposition
   were exploiting the tragedy for their own
   ......benefit.
- 7. The Conservatives suffered their worst ...... defeat ever.
- 8. My wife decided to have an ...... caesarean when she had our second child.

#### 6 Collocations

Complete the sentences with the missing collocations from page 50 of the Coursebook.

- 4. In the ...... to the ..... elections there were allegations that the mayor was trying to ..... the election.
- 5. The government has ...... a controversial policy ...... at getting people off the dole and into work.
- 6. The government's stance on immigration has completely ....... public opinion. They've even admitted that there are ...... of opinion in the cabinet.

## Stance on

Complete the sentences with these words.

abortion	education	pensions		
drugs	foreign policy			

- Their stance on ......is a bit confused. First they want to introduce a national curriculum, and then they want to increase parental choice regarding school selection.
- 3. Their stance on .....seems far too liberal. I think it should be banned.
- They take a hard line on ......, which
  I approve of. They want to toughen the law and
  increase prison sentences for possession.

Find examples of these kinds of collocations:

verb-noun adjective-noun noun-noun