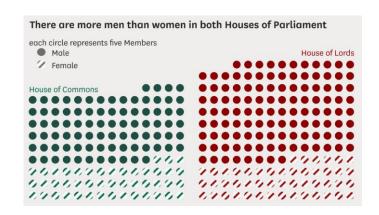




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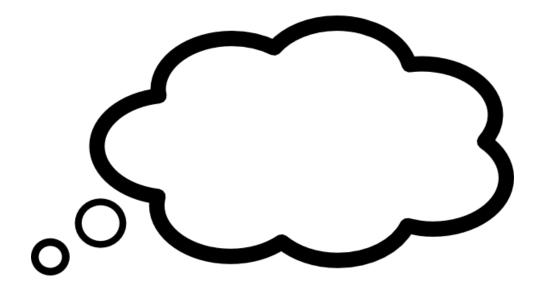
Can you remember our assembly on representation in Parliament?







Our assembly today is on campaigns and campaigners. What do these words mean?



Campaign



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A **campaign** is trying to do something. Some <u>battles</u> in <u>wars</u> are called campaigns.

The word comes from "Campania", a region where the ancient Roman army often fought.

A campaign usually involves groups of people following a plan and working together in different ways to get what they want.

When someone in <u>politics</u> seeks <u>election</u> to a political office, that is called a "political campaign".

Source: Campaign Facts for Kids (kiddle.c



Campaigner

There are lots of different words for a campaigner, some people say activist, changemaker, protestor, community leader or community organiser.

A campaigner is anyone who sees something that they want to change in the world and goes about trying to make that change happen.









Sylvia Pankhurst



Emmeline Pankhurst

Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU)

Their campaign aim was for British women to have the right to vote.

They were known as 'radical campaigners' as they used extreme measures in order to be heard. These included damaging property and starting fires.

Emmeline died in 1928, just before all women over the age of 21 were given the right to vote.





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This is **Professor Helen Pankhurst**. She is great-granddaughter of Emmeline Pankhurst and the granddaughter of Sylvia. She is a **campaigner and activist**. Helen is a Professor at a University in Manchester. She is the **convener** of Centenary Action.



Here are just some campaigns led by Centenary Action...

Women Count

Our aim is to ensure equal representation by 2028, the centenary when all women in the UK won the right to vote on equal terms with men.

Ensuring more women are selected as candidates this time, and in seats that they can win, is a vital part of the journey to achieving that aim.



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Disabled Women in Politics

We already know politics does not reflect the diversity of the people it represents. It's never more apparent when looking at the number of Disabled officials.

18% of working age adults are D/deaf and Disabled but just five MPs are Disabled. That's just over 0.7%



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Despite registering to vote and voting in equal numbers to men, women make up only one-third of the House of Commons. Furthermore, only 63 MPs identify as Black, Asian and Minority ethnic, and five have a self-declared disability.

One of the major obstacles to achieving a fair share of seats for women in all their diversity is that they are under-represented among election candidates.

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If you could lead a campaign, what would it be?

What do you feel passionate about?

