

**ELECTION VOCABULARY****I. Complete the sentences below with the words given, using each word only once.**

*bid, proponents, electorate, primary, general election, curb, suffrage, complacency, constituencies, polls, incentives, majority, ballot, electoral college, coalition*

1. A/an \_\_\_\_\_ may fulfil either or both of two functions: that of making important groups with an interest in the outcome of a choice party to that choice, and that of removing key choices from direct popular control.
2. The starting point is getting exposure to a broad variety of \_\_\_\_\_ and projecting an approachable attitude that inspires other people to speak up.
3. Ethical judgements often hide within them factual statements that \_\_\_\_\_ do not bother to mention because they think they have been proven beyond doubt.
4. The German people had demonstrated at the \_\_\_\_\_ that politically speaking even Merkel was mortal.
5. In 1918 President Woodrow Wilson became a supporter of women's \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Election officials in Kenya have said less than 35% of voters came out to cast their \_\_\_\_\_ in Thursday's repeat presidential election.
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ is very displeased with both presidential candidates.
8. In a \_\_\_\_\_ for transparency, the IEBC uploads the forms from individual polling stations across the country that form the basis for the total vote count.
9. No party wins a \_\_\_\_\_ in parliament as Theresa May's Conservatives lose seats in England and Wales to Labour and the Liberal Democrats, despite seeing their vote share rise.
10. The Conservative's \_\_\_\_\_ campaign was criticised at the time after the Prime Minister held a series of behind-closed-doors events away from members of the public.
11. Determined not to let Pixar down, Catmull has designed a whole set of institutions and practices to "systematically fight \_\_\_\_\_".
12. Pressing questions about how to revive the economy and \_\_\_\_\_ unemployment, though, will be eclipsed by a populist debate about churches, mosques, headscarves, pork meals and what it means to be French.
13. Mr Trump built a throne of skulls out of his Republican \_\_\_\_\_ opponents.
14. No mainstream party will touch the AfD with a barge pole in \_\_\_\_\_ talks.
15. The theory of \_\_\_\_\_ is an important part of the controversy between defenders of capitalist and socialist economies, it being argued in favour of capitalism that it alone is compatible with a realistic view of human inducements.

**II. Match the words with their definitions.**

	<b>1</b>	stand-off	<b>a</b>	a written policy statement, manifesto, programme
	<b>2</b>	propensity	<b>b</b>	first-past-the post
	<b>3</b>	inviolable	<b>c</b>	mutual, shared, corresponding
	<b>4</b>	caucus	<b>d</b>	an informal meeting, assembly between voters and candidates
	<b>5</b>	plurality	<b>e</b>	variation, difference, contrast
	<b>6</b>	convention	<b>f</b>	absolute, sacred, unchallengeable
	<b>7</b>	platform	<b>g</b>	deadlock, stalemate, impasse
	<b>8</b>	census	<b>h</b>	tendency, inclination, predisposition
	<b>9</b>	disparity	<b>i</b>	an official meeting of party members to choose candidates
	<b>10</b>	reciprocal	<b>j</b>	an official government survey on the statistics of population

**III. Complete the sentences below with the words given, using each word or phrase only once.**

*endorsement, lame duck, prerogative, upheaval, bite the bullet, caveat,  
have something up his sleeve, proposition, defiance, intercession*

1. The same stressful event might make one person utterly miserable, while another will \_\_\_\_\_ and make the best of it.
2. Do not underestimate your competitor, he might still \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Several political prisoners have been released through the \_\_\_\_\_ of Amnesty International.
4. The election result can be seen as a/an \_\_\_\_\_ of the government's record.
5. He agreed to the interview, with the \_\_\_\_\_ that he could approve the final article.
6. I am sorry to inform you that I have no \_\_\_\_\_ to decide it.
7. He wrote to me last week regarding a business \_\_\_\_\_ he thought might interest me.
8. There has been a massive \_\_\_\_\_ in the telecommunications industry.
9. He said in this transitional period the last thing people needed was to feel that the government was a \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The demonstration is a pointless act of \_\_\_\_\_ against the government.

**IV. Use the words and idioms in your own sentences, exemplifying their meanings.**

*concession, credential, jump on the bandwagon, neck and neck, sit-in*

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