



UNIT 22: SUPPORT MATERIAL

POLITICAL PARTIES

All the major political parties in the UK have World Wide Web sites where you can find their current political positions, or you can usually order a copy of their last election manifesto.

The largest parties are:

Conservative (www.conservative-party.org.uk)

Labour (www.labour.org.uk)

Liberal Democratic (www.liberal-democrat.org.uk)

Some of the smaller parties are:

Scottish Nationalist (www.snp.org.uk)

Welsh Nationalist (www.plaid-cymrw.wales.com)

Unionists (www.uup.org & www.dup.org.uk)

SDLP (www.sdip.ie)

Sinn Fein (www.sinnfein.ie)

See if you can link the faces and descriptions to the party names on the following pages .
There is a blank answer sheet and an answer sheet for you class to use.



a



b



c



d



e

Can you match
these faces to
their parties which
are described on
the next page ?



h



f



i



g

1-This party believes in independence for Scotland outside of the United Kingdom. It is broadly a left of centre socialist

3-This party stands for individual self reliance and consequently low taxation. It is traditionally strongly supported by business and the more affluent classes. It is currently taking a strongly non-federalist view of the European Union.

2-This is a broadly left of centre but non-socialist party. It has broadly liberal views but is not motivated by any specific factions within society. It is strongly pro-European and is very strong in local government.

4-These parties strongly wish to maintain Northern Ireland as part of the United Kingdom.

5- This party was founded by the Unions and has traditionally been supported by the working classes. Recently it has moved strongly to the centre ground and has tried to change its image as a party of high taxation. It is now seen as broadly supporting the major features of the welfare state.

6-This party promotes the interests of Wales but currently does not wish Wales to become independent of the United Kingdom.

7-This party is left wing republican and their aim is to unite Ireland under a single left wing government.

8-This Party is Irish nationalist and its support is traditionally from the catholic community within Northern Ireland.

PARTY	FACE/NAME	DESCRIPTION
CONSERVATIVES		
LABOUR		
LIBERAL DEMOCRAT		
SCOTTISH NATIONALISTS		
WELSH NATIONALISTS		
UNIONISTS		
SOLCIAL DEMOCRATIC & LABOUR		
SINN FEIN		

PARTY	FACE/NAME	DESCRIPTION
CONSERVATIVES	d)WILLIAM HAUGE	3
LABOUR	g)TONY BLAIR	5
LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	b)CHARLES KENNEDY	2
SCOTTISH NATIONALISTS	f)ALEX SALMOND	1
WELSH NATIONALISTS	i)DAFYDD WIGLEY	6
UNIONISTS	a)IAIN PAISLEY (DUP) c)DAVID TRIMBLE (UUP)	4
SOLCIAL DEMOCRATIC & LABOUR	e)JOHN HULME	8
SINN FEIN	h)GERRY ADAMS	7

