

What's happening in the news?



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New Prime Minister



Who is the new prime minister?

Let's look at the story



The next prime minister of the UK has been announced as Liz Truss. She was voted for by members of the Conservative Party to replace Boris Johnson who stepped down from the role in July.

The final vote was between Rishi Sunak and Liz Truss, with over 140,000 party members voting. Liz won the vote by more than 20,000 votes and is the third woman to become prime minister in the UK.



Learn more about this story [here](#).
Watch the useful video [here](#).



Look at the resource below, which shares some information about the story.

What does the prime minister do?

The prime minister leads the government and is appointed by the monarch, they are also the leader of their political party. They have the ultimate responsibility for all government policies and decisions.

The prime minister usually has a weekly meeting with the monarch to brief them on government matters. These meetings are completely private and there is no official record of what is said. The prime minister traditionally lives and works at Number 10, Downing Street – which has been the office of the prime minister since 1735.

Liz Truss – fact file

Young prime minister – When she was 9, Liz played former prime minister, Margaret Thatcher, at her school's mock general election.

Parents – Liz Truss was born in Oxford in 1975. Her mum was a nurse and her father is a maths professor.

Studying– She went to Oxford University, where she studied Philosophy, Politics and Economics.

First job – After studying, she became an economist but then moved into politics, becoming the Member of Parliament for South West Norfolk in 2010.



Pictured above: Liz Truss speaking at Downing Street, London



Main question

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- > Look at the poster image and talk about what you can see. Read through the news story. Were you aware that the UK has a new prime minister? Have you heard anything about who it is?
- > Read the information found on the resource and watch the useful video, which introduces Liz Truss, the new Prime Minister. Share your thoughts on the new leader.
- > On her win, Liz said, "Friends and colleagues, thank you for putting your faith in me to lead our great Conservative party, the greatest political party on Earth. As your party leader, I intend to deliver what we promised those voters right across our great country." Share your thoughts on her words, do you think it will give people confidence in her new role?
- > She has faced criticism for changing her mind regarding some of the big decisions in politics, including Brexit. Originally campaigning for the UK to remain in the EU, Ms Truss reconsidered after the vote, believing that there would be many opportunities for the UK once it left the EU. Do you think it's a good thing or a bad thing to change your mind on important issues as a leader?

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- > Useful video:
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