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## Match the form of government to their definitions

democracy		<ul><li>A system of government in which</li><li>priests rule in the name of God or a god.</li></ul>
republic		A form of government in which the country is considered a public mat- ter, and the head of state is an elect- ed or nominated president.
monarchy	•	A society that is ruled or controlled by people of great wealth or income.
theocracy		<ul><li>A form of government with a</li><li>monarch at the head, usually a king or queen.</li></ul>
oligarchy		A system of government in which entities such as states or provinces share power with a national govern- ment.
autocracy		A state of society without govern- ment or law.
federalism		<ul> <li>A form of government in which a</li> <li>small group of people have control of a country or organization.</li> </ul>
dictatorship	•	A system of government by one per- son with absolute power.
anarchy		A form of government where one person or a small group possesses absolute power without effective constitutional limitations.
plutocracy		A system of government where the citizens exercise power by voting.

Find the correct answer
What form of government does Canada have?
O Absolute Monarchy O Presidential Republic O Constitutional Monarchy O Federal Republic
Which type of government is practiced in Saudi Arabia?
<ul> <li>Constitutional Monarchy</li> <li>Absolute Monarchy</li> <li>Military Dictatorship</li> <li>Parliamentary Republic</li> </ul>
What is the form of government in Germany?
$\bigcirc$ Constitutional Monarchy $\bigcirc$ Communist State $\bigcirc$ Single-Party State $\bigcirc$ Federal Republic
Which form of government does China have?
O Parliamentary Republic O Single-Party State O Democratic Republic O Federal Republic
What type of government is in place in Australia?
<ul> <li>Constitutional Monarchy</li> <li>Single-Party State</li> <li>Absolute Monarchy</li> <li>Presidential Republic</li> </ul>
What form of government does Russia have?
<ul> <li>Semi-Presidential Republic</li> <li>Parliamentary Republic</li> <li>Federal Republic</li> <li>Constitutional Monarchy</li> </ul>
Which type of government is practiced in the United Kingdom?
<ul> <li>Parliamentary Republic</li> <li>Federal Republic</li> <li>Constitutional Monarchy</li> <li>Single-Party State</li> </ul>
What form of government does Japan have?
O Single-Party State O Absolute Monarchy O Military Dictatorship

O Constitutional Monarchy

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### Now let's take a look at a specific country

## The Government of the United States of America

### Introduction

The United States of America (USA) has a unique system of government that is designed to ensure a balance of power. Understanding this system helps us see how different parts of the government work together to serve the people.

### Federalism

The USA is a federal republic, which means it has a national (federal) government and 50 state governments. Each level of government has its own powers and responsibilities.

#### The Three Branches of Government

The U.S. government is divided into three branches: legislative, executive, and judicial. This separation ensures that no single branch becomes too powerful.

#### **Legislative Branch**

The legislative branch, also known as Congress, makes laws. Congress is split into two parts:

- **House of Representatives**: Made up of 435 members, each representing a district. They serve 2-year terms.
- Senate: Made up of 100 senators, two from each state. They serve 6-year terms.

#### **Executive Branch**

The executive branch enforces laws and is led by the President, who is also the Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces. The President is elected every four years and can serve a maximum of two terms (8 years). The President's team includes the Vice President and the Cabinet, which consists of leaders of 15 executive departments like Defense and Education.

#### **Judicial Branch**

The judicial branch interprets laws and makes sure they are applied fairly. It is led by the Supreme Court, which has nine justices. These justices can serve for life. The Supreme Court can declare laws or executive actions unconstitutional, meaning they don't follow the Constitution.

## **Checks and Balances**

To make sure no branch becomes too powerful, the U.S. government uses a system called checks and balances. For example:

• The President can veto laws made by Congress, but Congress can override this veto with a two-thirds vote.

• The Supreme Court can declare actions by the President or laws made by Congress unconstitutional.

#### Conclusion

The U.S. government is designed to be a balanced system where different branches check each other to protect the rights and freedoms of its citizens. This structure helps maintain democracy and ensures that power is shared and regulated.

#### Are the statements true or false?

The President of the United States can serve a maximum of three terms.

○ True ○ False

The legislative branch of the U.S. government is responsible for making laws.

O True O False

The Senate is made up of 50 senators, one from each state.

○ True ○ False

The Supreme Court can declare laws or executive actions unconstitutional.

O True O False

The President's Cabinet consists of leaders of 20 executive departments.

O True O False

The House of Representatives has 435 members who serve 2-year terms.

○ True ○ False

The executive branch is responsible for interpreting laws.

O True O False

The U.S. government uses a system of checks and balances to ensure no branch becomes too powerful.

○ True ○ False