British Prime Ministers Cheat Sheet
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Prime Minister	Monarch(s) Years as PM	Political party; common clues
Robert **Walpole**	George I George II 1721-1742	Whig; **first prime minister**; came to power after the collapse of the **South Sea Bubble**; removed from power over the **War of Jenkins' Ear**
William **Pitt the Elder**	George III 1766-1768	Whig; prime minister during the **Seven Years' War**; father of Pitt the Younger
William **Pitt the Younger**	George III 1801 and 1804-1806	Tory; prime minister during the **French Revolution** and at the start of the **Napoleonic Wars**; son of Pitt the Elder
Arthur **Wellesley**, Duke of **Wellington**	George IV William IV 1828-1830 and 183r	Tory; served concurrently as prime minister and commander of the British Army, in which post he led Napoleon's defeat at **Waterloo** and defeated the **Maratha Confederacy** at Assaye; oversaw the **Catholic Relief Act**
Robert **Peel**	Victoria 1834-1835 and 1841-1846	Conservative; repealed **Corn Laws**; founded the **London Metropolitan Police**
Benjamin **Disraeli**	Victoria 1868 and 1874-1880	Conservative; only **Jewish-born** prime minister of the UK; targeted in the **Midlothian Campaign** by his rival, Gladstone; used the Royal Titles Act to name Victoria "**Empress of India**;" prime minister during **Zulu War**
William **Gladstone**	Victoria 1868-1894 (intermittent)	Liberal; gave the **Midlothian Campaign** speeches against his rival, Disraeli; established the use of **secret ballots**; tried and failed to establish **Irish Home Rule**; signed the Kilmainham treaty with Irish politician **Charles Parnell**
David **Lloyd George**	George V 1916-1922	Liberal; prime minister at the end of **World War I**; represented the UK as one of the **Big Four** at the the **Paris Peace Conference** and negotiated the **Treaty of Versailles**; passed the **People's Budget**
Neville **Chamberlain**	George VI 1937-1940	Conservative; declared he was seeking "**peace in our time**" with his policy of **appeasement** when ceding the **Sudetenland** to **Hitler** in the **Munich Agreement**
Clement **Attlee**	George VI 1945-1951	Labour; attended the **Potsdam Conference**; followed recommendations in the **Beveridge Report** when establishing the National Health Service
Winston **Churchill**	George VI Elizabeth II 1940-1945 and 1951-1955	Conservative (briefly Liberal); prime minister during World War II; gave speeches in which he said "an **iron curtain** has descended across the Continent" and "**we shall fight them on the beaches**;" attended the **Yalta Conference** with Stalin and Roosevelt
Margaret **Thatcher**	Elizabeth II 1979-1990	Conservative; **first female prime minister**; nicknamed the "**Iron Lady**" and "**Milk Snatcher**" for abolishing a free school milk program; prime minister during the **Falklands War**; replaced by **John Major** after supporting a poll tax called the **Community Charge**
Tony **Blair**	Elizabeth II 1997-2007	Labour; allied with **George W. Bush** to take the UK into the **Iraq War**
Theresa **May**	Elizabeth II 2016-2019	Conservative; initiated **Brexit** process in 2017
Boris **Johnson**	Elizabeth II 2019-present	Conservative; current prime minister and former **mayor of London**