

Britain's leadership showdown

Theresa May and Andrea Leadsom will battle it out to become the next Tory leader and Britain's second female prime minister. Conservative members will decide the winner, with the result due on September 9

Theresa May

Born: Oct 1, 1956

Education: Oxford, read geography

1977-83: Bank of England

1985-97: Association of Payment Clearing Services

1997: Elected MP for Maidenhead

2002: Appointed chairwoman of Conservative Party

2002-10: Shadow leader of House of Commons, shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

2010: Appointed Home Secretary. Also served as Minister for Women and Equalities from 2010-12

Personal: Married to Philip John May, couple have no children

Andrea Leadsom

Born: May 13, 1963

Education: Warwick, read political science

1987-97: Deputy director of financial institutions group at Barclays

1997-99: Director of De Putron Fund Management (hedge fund)

1999-2009: Senior investment officer and head of corporate governance at Ivesco Perpetual

2010: Elected MP for South Northamptonshire

2014: Junior Treasury minister

2015: Minister of State for Energy

Personal: Married to Ben Leadsom, two sons, one daughter

