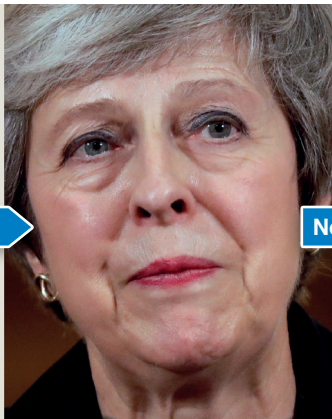


# Conservative leadership challenge



**Sir Graham Brady**

Tory backbench chief has received letters from 48 Conservative MPs – 15% – calling for no-confidence vote in **Prime Minister Theresa May**



**No-confidence vote**

If 159 MPs vote against prime minister – 51% of ballot – May will be removed as leader of Conservative Party

**May loses vote**

**May wins vote**

Date for first round of leadership election chosen by Sir Graham.  
**Incumbent is barred from standing**

Prime minister remains leader.  
**Gains immunity from another formal challenge for one year**

**Leadership contest**



Candidates need support of two MPs

**If only one candidate comes forward, he or she becomes new party leader**



**Multiple candidates:** Conservative MPs vote. Candidate with lowest vote eliminated until two remain

**Postal ballot:** Party members vote for preferred candidate.  
**Winner elected party leader**

