

How UK will choose a new prime minister

UK Prime Minister Theresa May is to step down as Conservative Party leader, triggering a contest that will elect a new prime minister

■ Process overseen by party's **1922 Committee**, formally known as **Conservative Private Members' Committee** – parliamentary group of Tory backbench MPs in **House of Commons**



BALLOT OF LAWMAKERS

Candidate must be nominated by at least **two** Conservative lawmakers (MPs)

Proposers



1 candidate

Proposers



2 candidates

Proposers



3 or more candidates

MEMBERSHIP VOTE



Postal ballot of wider Conservative Party membership

SECRET BALLOT OF MPs



Person with fewest votes eliminated
(process repeated until two candidates remain)

LEADER ELECTED

Winner becomes leader of Conservative Party and prime minister of United Kingdom

