

Who is Liz Truss?

- **1975:** *Mary Elizabeth Truss* born in Oxford, daughter of maths professor and nurse
- **1985:** Attends state secondary school in Leeds, northern England
- **1996:** Graduates from **Oxford** after reading philosophy, politics and economics. Becomes active in student politics, initially for **Liberal Democrats**
- **2000:** After working for **Shell**, takes job with **Cable & Wireless**, rising to become economic director. Marries fellow accountant **Hugh O'Leary** – they have two daughters
- **2001, 2005:** Unsuccessful Tory candidate in two elections
- **2009:** Placed on **David Cameron's** "A-list" of priority candidates. Survives deselection bid by constituency activists after it emerges she had affair with Tory MP some years earlier
- **2010:** Wins safe Tory seat of rural South West Norfolk
- **2012:** Named education minister in Tory-Lib Dem coalition – later promoted to environment secretary
- **2016:** Campaigns for **Remain** in EU referendum but changes her mind after vote, arguing that **Brexit** provides new opportunities



- **2016-19:** Serves as justice secretary and then chief secretary to the Treasury under **Theresa May's** premiership
- **2019:** Appointed international trade secretary by Prime Minister **Boris Johnson**
- **2021:** Promoted to foreign secretary
- **Jul 2022:** Joins race to replace Johnson after he is forced to resign
- **Sep 2022:** Becomes UK prime minister following Conservative Party leadership contest