

Explore the Debating Chamber Activity

Name _____

Please try to answer the following questions after you have spent some time exploring the Debating Chamber

1 a) Where does the Presiding Officer sit?

b) What role does the Presiding Officer play?

2 Copy and complete the following table:

Name of Party	Number of MSPs*	Name of Leader**
Conservative		Ruth Davidson
	5	
Labour		
	2	
	3	
	64 ⁺	

*The number of MSPs does not include the seat left vacant by the death of an Independent regional MSP in April 2014.

**These people have different titles, Leader, National Convener, Principal Speaker

⁺ This figure does not include the Presiding Officer who is politically impartial

- 3 What are the Broadcasting staff responsible for?**

- 4 What words appear on the Mace?**

- 5 Who might people in the Media Gallery work for?**

- 6 What is the First Minister in charge of?**

- 7 Name two other groups of people who work in the Chamber**
 - a)
 - b)

- 8 Write two new facts you learned about the Debating Chamber**
 - a)
 - b)

- 9 Do you think it is important that the public have an opportunity to see what is happening in the Scottish Parliament? Give reasons for your answer.**

Make a list of your MSPs. Click on the tab at the top of the page that says “MSPs”. Now use the postcode search to find out who your MSPS are.

My Constituency is called _____

My Constituency MSP is _____ for the
_____ Party

My Region is called _____

My Regional MSPs are

1 _____ for the _____ Party

2 _____ for the _____ Party

3 _____ for the _____ Party

4 _____ for the _____ Party

5 _____ for the _____ Party

6 _____ for the _____ Party

7 _____ for the _____ Party

How can you contact your MSPs? All MSPs have e-mail addresses. They are

written like this: firstname.secondname.msp@scottish.parliament.uk