



Politics is a complicated world. Politicians stand for certain ideas, battle it out against their fellow candidates and then the public votes them in. They can then bring in the best people for the job. You have to hope they don't go back on their ideas, put forward new and useful policies, such as cracking down on crime. Occasionally, you hear of politicians covering up scandals. Sometimes they blow over but most of the time, they need to stand down or they're voted out.



to stand for

transitive - inseparable

To support

We stand for freedom of speech



to battle out

transitive - separable

To compete

We will battle it out on Saturday.



to vote in/out

transitive - separable

To (not) choose at an election

We voted Sarah in



to bring in

transitive - separable

To involve somebody

Let's bring Bob in on the idea



to go back on

transitive - inseparable

To fail to keep a promise

She went back on promoting bicycles.



to put forward

transitive -separable

To propose

She put forward some really great ideas.



to crack down on

transitive -inseparable

To take severe measures against

We are cracking down on gun crime.



to cover up

transitive -separable

To hide

We covered up the bribery in the company.



to blow over

intransitive

To disappear without serious consequences

The story will blow over in 24 hours.



to stand down

intransitive

To resign

He stood down 4 hours after the scandal was made known to the public.