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n.

1. A representative body having supreme legislative powers within a state or multinational organization.
2. **Parliament** The national legislature of the United Kingdom, made up of the House of Lords and the House of Commons.

[Middle English, a meeting about national concerns, from Old French *parlement*, from *parler*, to talk; see [PARLEY](#).]

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