**democracy** Apresyan (En-Ru)

[dı'mɒkrəsı] n

1. демократия

pure [representative] democracy - чистая [представительная] демократия people's democracy - народная демократия

- 2. демократизм
- 3. демократическое государство; демократическая страна
- 4. (Democracy) амер.
- 1) демократическая партия
- 2) политика демократической партии
- 5. собир. простые люди

#### democracy

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

dem·oc·racy [democracy democracies] BrE [dɪˈmɒkrəsi] \*\*\* NAmE [dɪˈmɑ□krəsji

noun (pl. dem·oc·racies )

- 1. uncountable a system of government in which all the people of a country can vote to elect their representatives
  - parliamentary democracy
  - the principles of democracy
- 2. countable a country which has this system of government
  - · Western democracies
- I thought we were supposed to be living in a democracy.
- 3. uncountable fair and equal treatment of everyone in an organization, etc, and their right to take part in making decisions
- the fight for justice and democracy

#### Word Origin:

late 16th cent.: from French démocratie, via late Latin from Greek dēmokratia, from dēmos 'the people' + -kratia 'power, rule'.

# Example Bank:

- · We live in a multi-party democracy.
- a pro-democracy demonstration in the capital
- people who believe in true democracy
- the need to overcome political apathy and advance on the road to democracy

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[Word Family: noun: †democracy, †democrat, †democratization; verb democratatize; adverb †democratically ≠ UNDEMOCRATICALLY; adjective: †democratic ≠UNDEMOCRATIC

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Old French; Origin: democratie, from Greek demokratia, from demos 'people' + -kratia 'rule']

- 1. [uncountable] a system of government in which every citizen in the country can vote to elect its government officials: a return to democracy after 16 years of military rule
- 2. [countable] a country that has a government which has been elected by the people of the country:
  - a parliamentary democracy
  - Western democracies
- 3. [uncountable] a situation or system in which everyone is equal and has the right to vote, make decisions etc ⇒ democratic:

  democracy within the trade unions

# **COLLOCATIONS** (for Meaning 2)

## adjectives

- a parliamentary democracy (=one with an elected parliament) Britain is a parliamentary democracy.
- a multiparty democracy (=with a number of political parties) It is one of the few countries in the area that is a true multiparty democracy.
- a Western democracy The sanctions are supported by all the major Western democracies.
- a new democracy They are facing many of the same problems that all new democracies experience.
- an emerging /fledgling democracy (=new) the emerging democracies of Eastern Europe

#### **THESAURUS**

- **government** [uncountable and countable] the group of people who govern a country or the system they use to governit: The French government did not sign the agreement. I a democratic system of government
- administration [countable] the government of a country, especially one such as the US, which is led by a president: the Kennedy administration | the problems left by the previous administration
- **regime** [countable] a government, especially one that was not elected fairly or that you disapprove of: Most people opposed the apartheid regime.
- the executive [singular] the part of the government that makes sure that laws and decisions work well: the separation of powers between the executive, the legislature, and the judiciary
- **democracy** [uncountable and countable] a political system in which everyone can vote to choose the government, or a country that has this system: The transition to democracy has not been easy. | In a democracy, people have freedom of speech.
- republic [countable] a country that has an elected government, and is led by a president, not a king or queen: Mauritius

became a republic in 1992.

• monarchy [uncountable and countable] /'mɒnəki \$ 'mɑ□nərki the system of having a king or queen as the head of state, or a country that has this system: Some monarchies have elected governments. | controversy about the institution of monarchy

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