

MASTERING ENGLISH VOCABULARY USING ROOT WORDS: PART 25

CRACY -

The word root - **cracy** refers to a form of government or rule.

The following are the various types of government:

1. **BUREAUCRACY** (noun) - a system of government in which most of the important decisions are taken by state officials rather than by elected representatives.
2. **DEMOCRACY** (noun) - government by the people; especially: rule of majority.
 - India is the world's largest democracy.
3. **MONARCHY** (noun) - a form of government in which a person (monarch) is the head of the state, government by a king or queen.
 - For example Saudi Arabia is ruled by absolute monarchy.
4. **ARISTOCRACY** (noun) - a form of government in which power is held by nobility; elite or privileged upper class.
5. **ANARCHY** (noun) - it means an absence of government; lawlessness, disorder.
6. **AUTOCRACY** (noun) - a system of government by one person with absolute power.
 - Adolf Hitler is an example of an autocratic leader.
7. **AUTONOMY** (noun) - the right of self-government.
8. **OLIGARCHY** (noun) - a small group of people having control of a country.
9. **PLUTOCRACY** (noun) - government by the wealthy/ rich people.
10. **THEOCRACY** (noun) - a system of government as per the laws of the religion.
 - The Vatican is a theocratic state where the Pope is the head of state.
11. **SECULAR** (noun) - a form of government not connected with religious or spiritual matters.
 - India is a secular nation (neutral in matters of religion).