



Dianne Abbott

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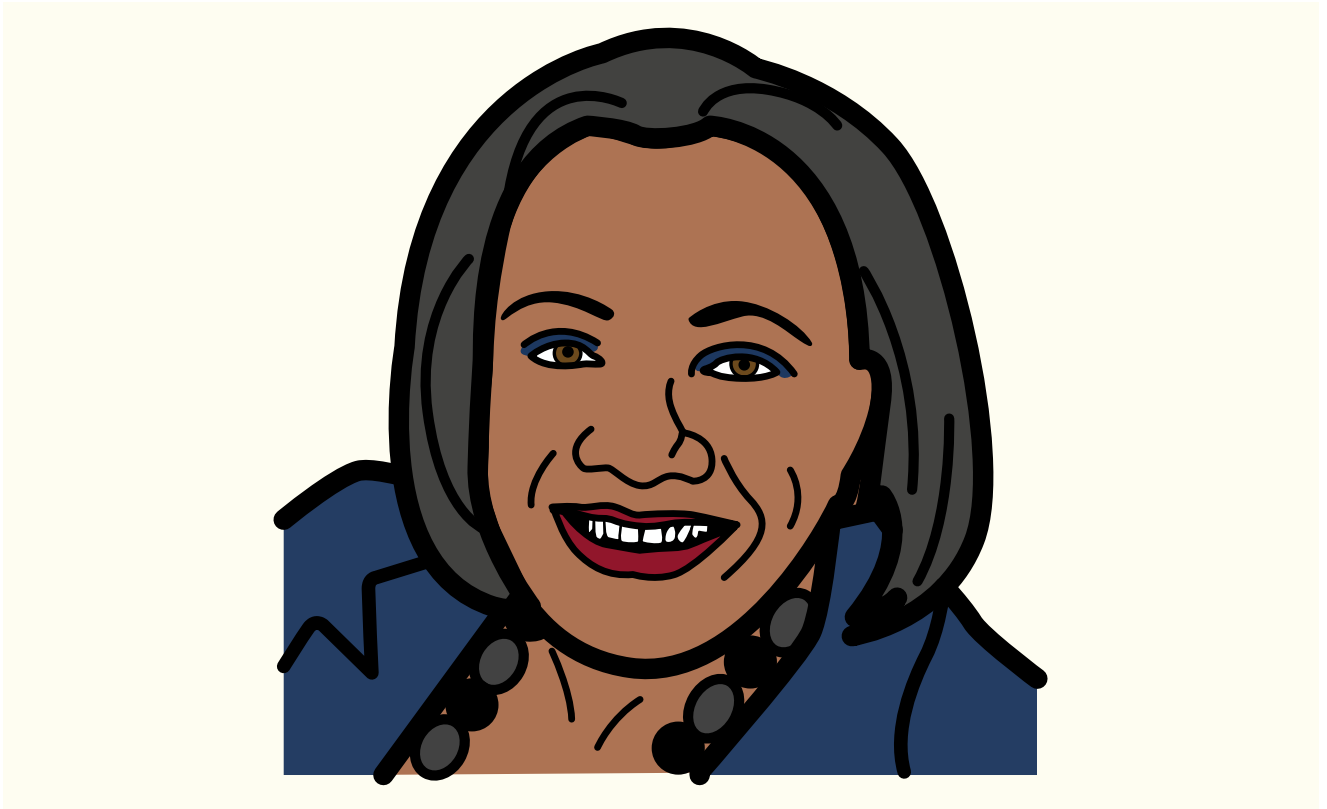
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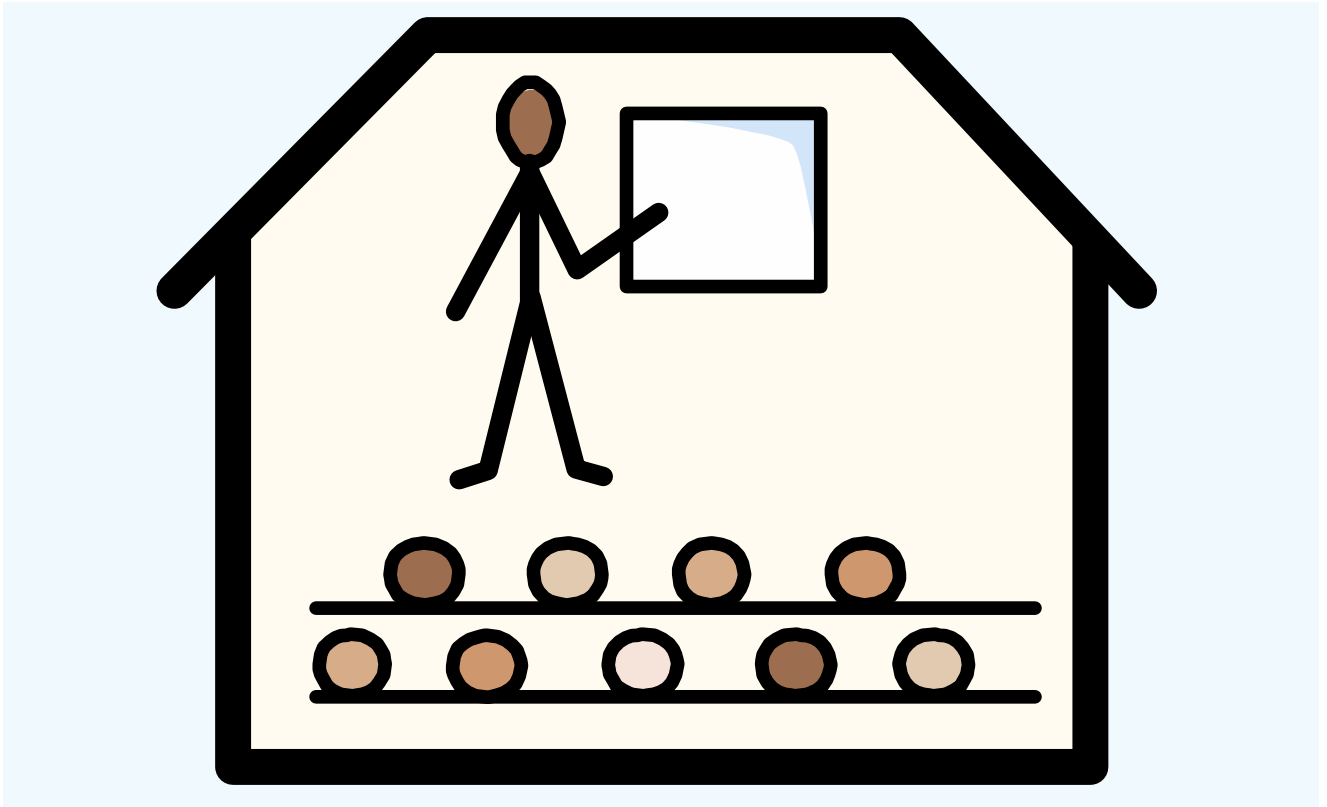


Diane Abbott was born in London in 1953.

She was the daughter of Caribbean immigrants.

Her father was a welder and her mother a nurse.

Diane went to Harrow Grammar School for Girls.



Diane studied at Cambridge University.

She graduated with a degree in history.

Diane became a trainee with the Home Office.

She then worked as a Race Relations Officer.

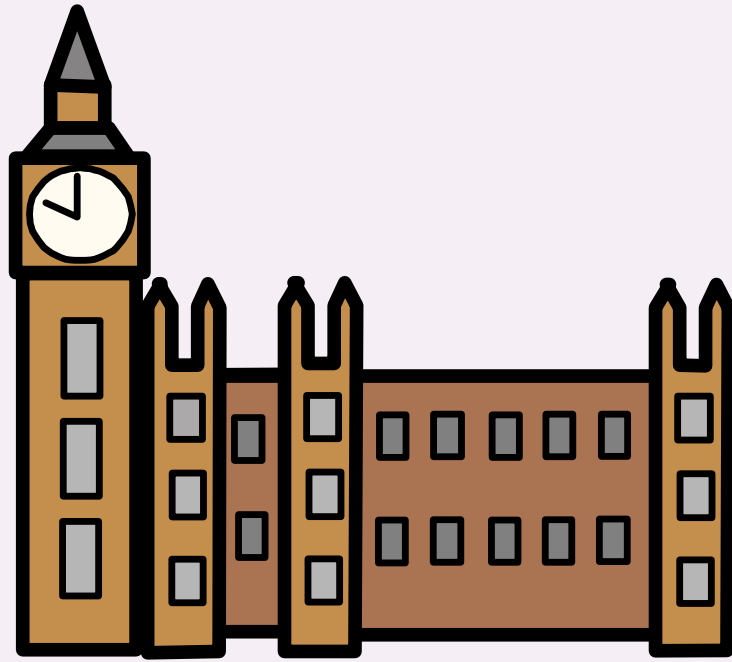


In 1980 Diane was hired by Thames Television.

She was a researcher and a reporter until 1983.

Diane worked as a reporter for TV-am until 1985.

She worked as a Press Officer for local government.

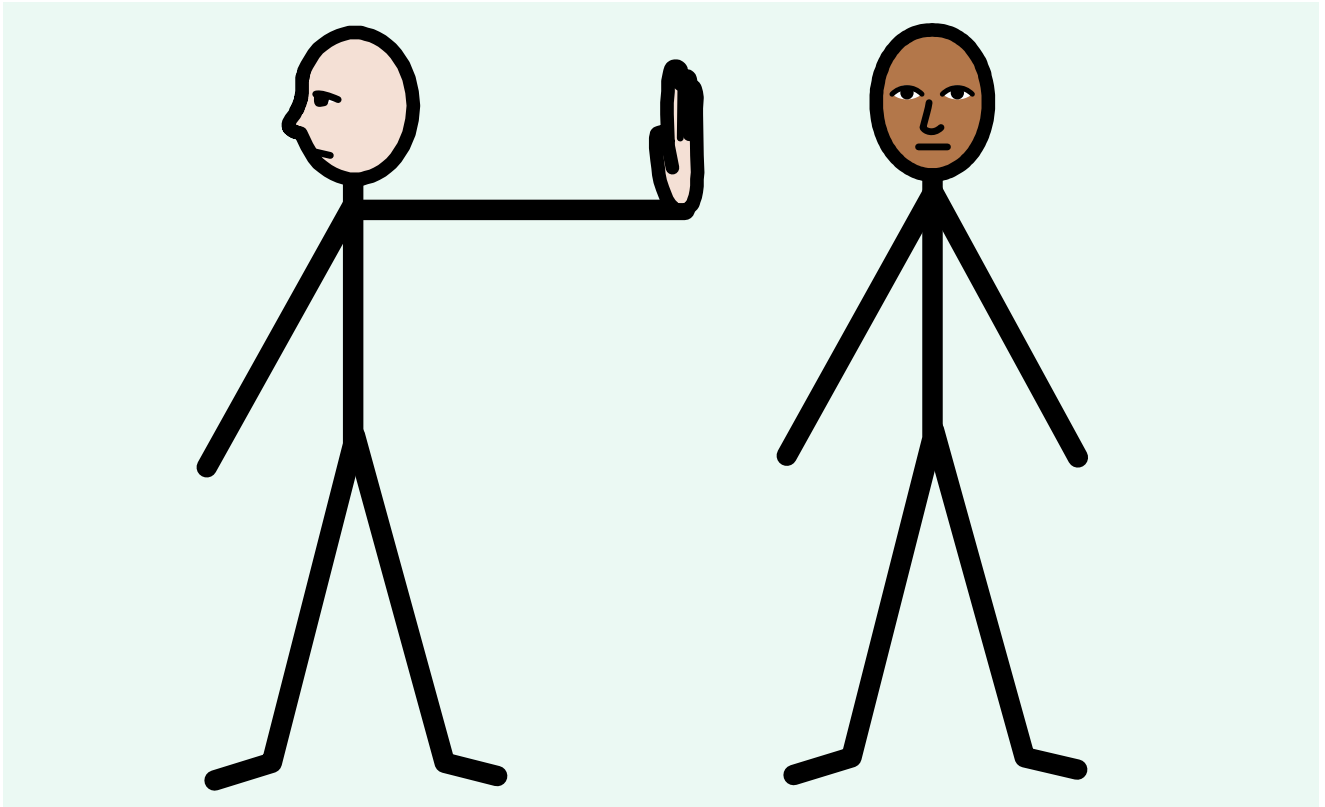


Diane's political career began in 1982.

She was elected to Westminster City Council.

Diane served on the council until 1986.

In 1987 she was elected to the House of Commons.



Diane became MP for Hackney.

She was the 1st black woman in Parliament.

She suffered racist attacks during the election.

A brick was thrown through her office window.



Diane has served on many parliamentary committees.

These committees examine important issues.

She has also held shadow government jobs.

The shadow government is an opposition government.



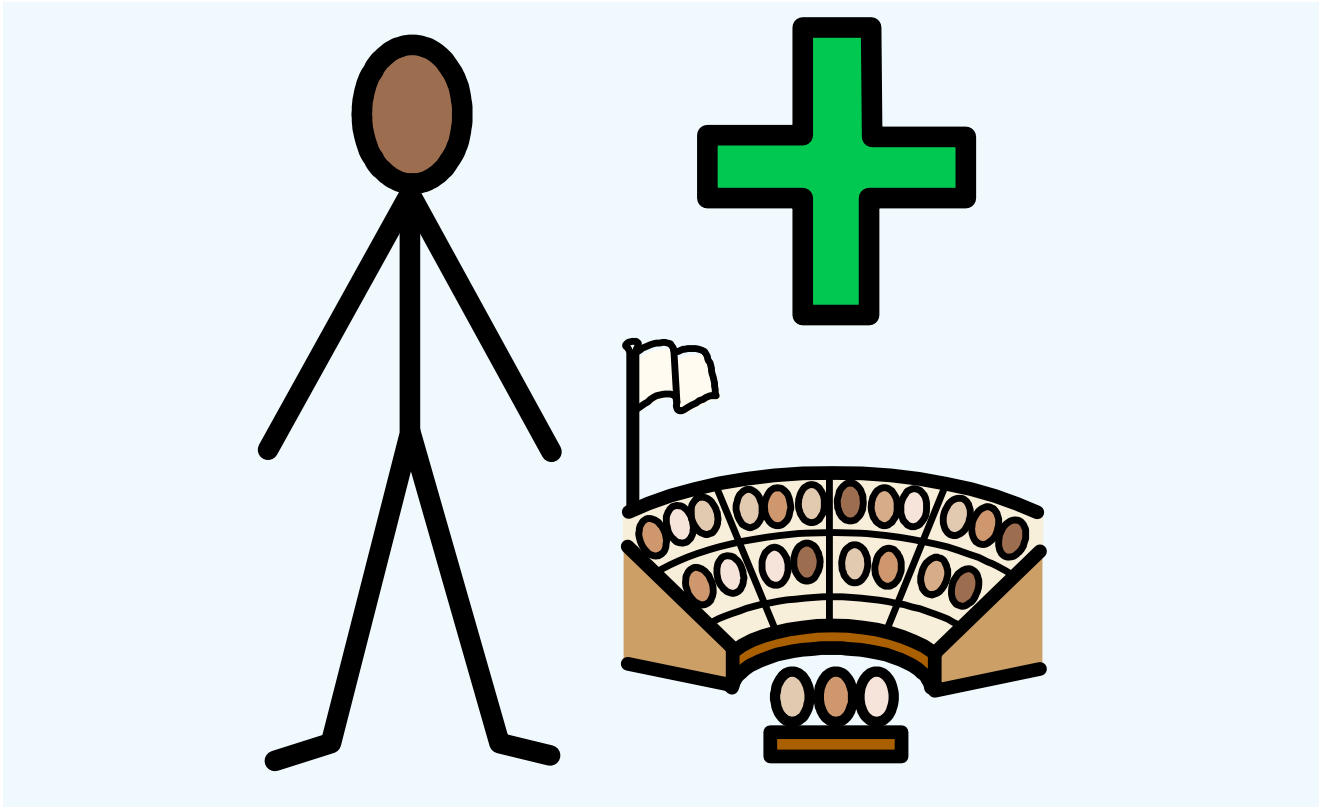


Diane has spoken out about important issues.

She voted against the war in Iraq.

She opposed ID cards and Trident nuclear missiles.

She opposed her government for her personal beliefs.

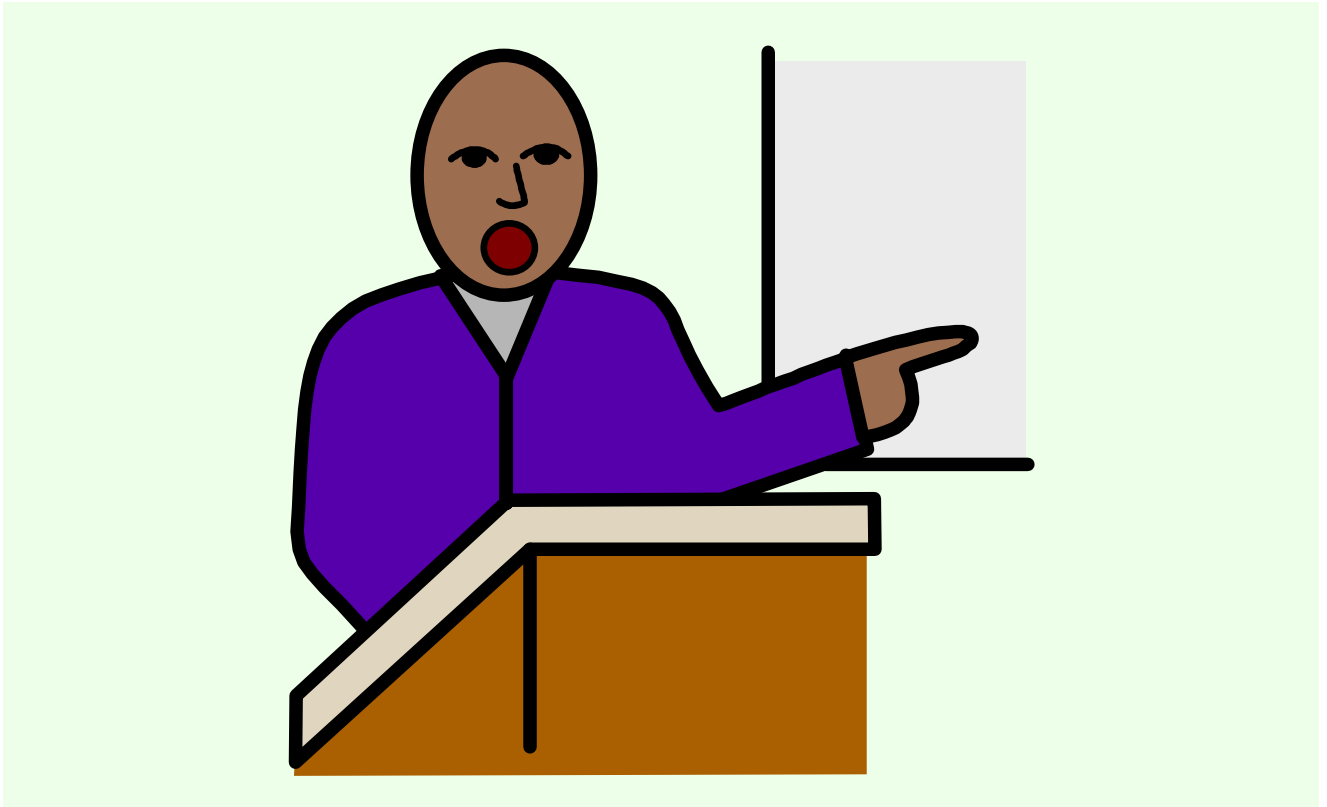


In 2010 Diane stood as leader of the Labour party.

She was unsuccessful.

Diane became the Shadow Health Minister instead.

In 2016 she became Shadow Home Secretary.

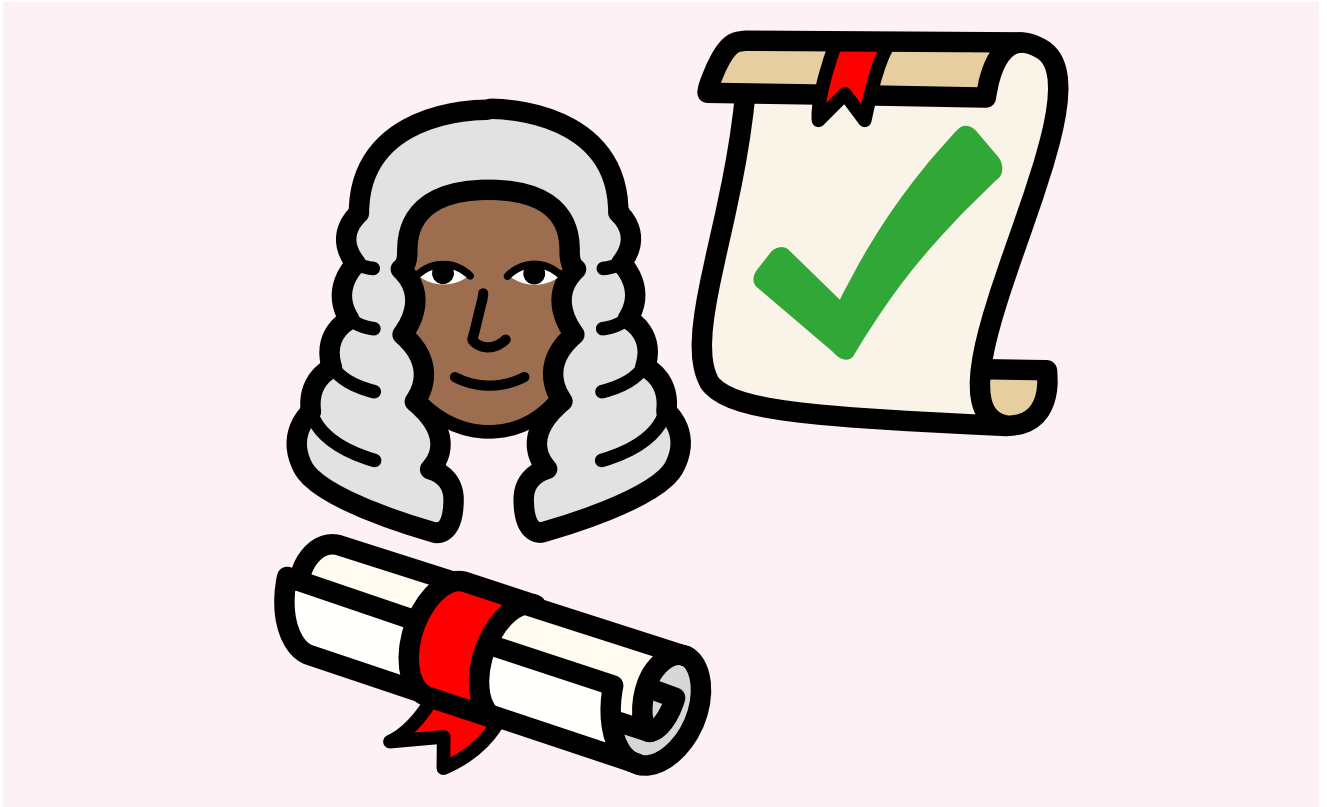


Diane is an experienced public speaker.

She has stood in for the Labour leader in parliament.

She has written for newspapers and appeared on TV.

She regularly appeared on politics show This Week.



Diane is now the longest serving black MP.

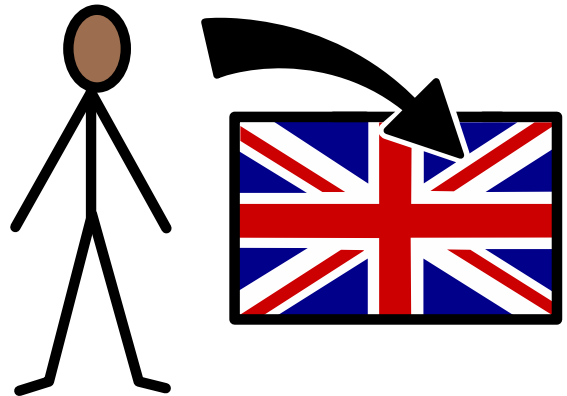
She has been in parliament for 34 years.

Diane continues to represent the people of Hackney.

She supports civil rights and women's rights.



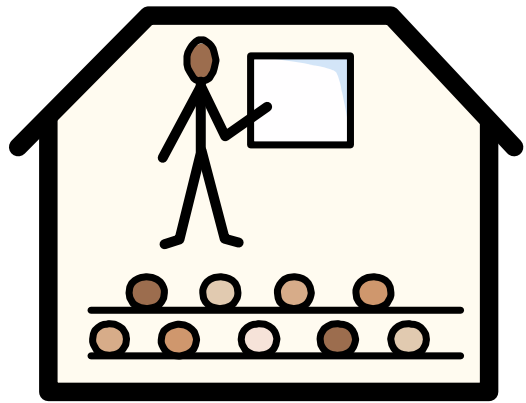
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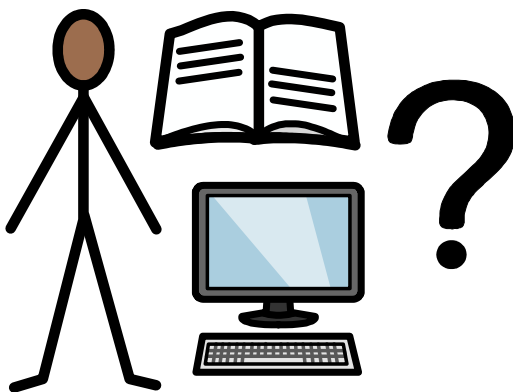
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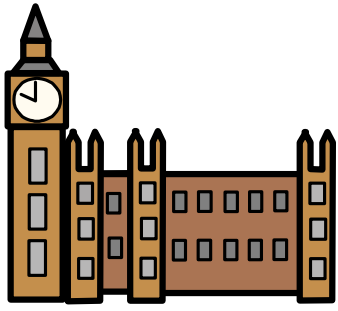
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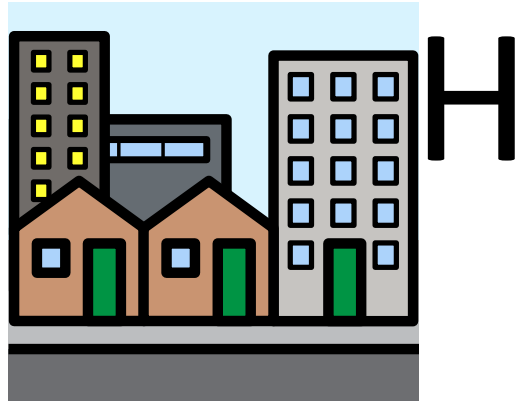
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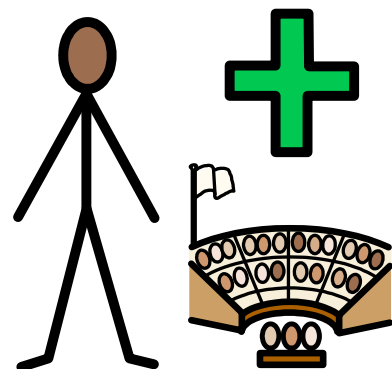
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