

**Learning objectives**

At the end of this activity you should be able to:

- Describe Parsons' model of the social system.

A. Using the information on page 204, complete the grid below to show Parsons' model of the social system.

<b>The social system</b>				
	<b>Instrumental needs of the social system</b>		<b>Expressive needs of the social system</b>	
<b>System needs (AGIL)</b>	<b>Adaptation</b>	<b>Goal attainment</b>	<b>Integration</b>	<b>Latency</b>
<b>Subsystems</b>		The political system		
<b>Institutions (examples)</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Political parties</li> <li>• Parliament</li> <li>• Government departments</li> <li>• Elections</li> </ul>		
<b>Status roles (examples)</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministers</li> <li>• MPs</li> <li>• Civil servants</li> <li>• Local councillors</li> </ul>		
<b>Norms governing status-roles (examples)</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MPs should represent constituents.</li> <li>• MPs should attend Parliament and take part in debates.</li> </ul>		