

US Election 2016

Say hello to the new president

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"ITS TIME! ITS ON TV RIGHT NOW!" shouts Canada from the living room. Immediately all the other countries cram into the living room, and America scrambles to the front of the small crowd gradually piling into the room. There are no seats left so he just stands as close to the TV as he can get without blocking the view for the others. He didn't really care there was no room left on the couch for him, because he was too nervous to sit anyway. He eventually settles with pacing anxiously back and forth and biting his nails whilst he waits for the commercials to finish.

"Would you stop pacing like that please? You're putting us on edge!" complains Germany irritably.

"Oh you think *you're* on edge do you!" shouts America, pinching the bridge of his nose.

Suddenly the commercials draw to a close, and the presenter begins to speak:

"Good morning world! It's the moment we've all been waiting for: the US Presidential election! Well the results are in, and before we read them out, we have just a few things to say first-

"Oh come on!" shouts Russia. "You've got to be kidding me!"

"SHUT UP RUSSIA!" yells America in response. "I CANNOT miss this!"

And so the presenter continues: "So without any further ado, here are the the results. United States of America, put your hands together, for President Donald Trump!"



TASKS

1. Work with a partner. **Read the text** for general understanding. Ask your teacher for help if necessary.
2. Do the next step on your own: Reread the text and **highlight 15 useful phrases**. Do NOT show them to your partner.
3. **Gapped reading:** Join your partner again. He/she turns their sheet over. Now read out a part of the text to your partner and stop wherever you have highlighted a phrase. Ask your partner to supply the missing words. Take turns – and go through the whole “gapped” text.
4. **Blackout:** Take a thick black pen and black out parts of the text. Take turns reading it out to each other. See how much you can black out and still read the text.

Homework: Transfer 10 useful vocabulary phrases from this text into your vocab-book. You will find a clean copy on Moodle. For each of the 10 phrases look up a second example on www.vocabulary.com.

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The countries all sit in silence, some still with their mouths gaping wide open in shock.

"LOL you're screwed" says North Korea before jumping up and scuttling out the room, giggling to himself all the while.

After a few seconds Germany turns to America, and raises her eyebrow slightly at the sight of America's face. He would have looked almost normal, if it weren't for the fact he had turned white as a sheet and didn't blink once.

"Hey America... Are you okay? You don't look so good... Maybe you should-" but before Germany can finish, America's eyes drift shut, and he promptly collapses on the ground.

"America? America! Come on pal wake up!" says Scotland lightly tapping America's cheek. America opens his eyes to find Scotland hovering over him with a concerned look on her face, and everyone else gathered round the couch he was apparently lying on with similar expressions on their faces.

"You feeling alright mate? You just bloody fainted!" Exclaims England.

"Yeah I... I think I'm okay. I just had the worst dream that-"

"that this Trump guy is your new president? Yeah... that was no dream chico. But hey, it's not exactly great for me either" mumbles Mexico.

"So you mean... oh God no PLEASE NO" says America jumping up, about to search for the TV remote.

"Woah... Uh..." He says as he starts to see black dots swim across his vision again, and he grips the side of the couch. Suddenly Canada swoops over and sits him back down on the couch.

"You, take it easy. You can always rewind this... programme later. But before you do that, lets talk immigration. I bet I can take up to 1,000,000 of your people if you like! Best get it done before President Trump makes it illegal... unless he already has..." says Canada.