



Trump wins US election

Lesson code: N8K3-8INB-C6D5-7

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1 Warm-up

Did you expect Trump to win the US election? Why/why not?

2 Key words

Match the verbs on the left to the definitions on the right:

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|---------------------------|--|
| 1. defeat (somebody) | a. to try hard to do something that is difficult |
| 2. gain (something) | b. to win against someone in a contest or fight |
| 3. announce (something) | c. to examine something or someone to find the truth |
| 4. struggle | d. to get something that is positive |
| 5. vote | e. to make someone feel hurt or angry |
| 6. offend (somebody) | f. to say that someone is not guilty of something |
| 7. investigate (somebody) | g. to show what your opinion is by putting a mark on paper |
| 8. clear (somebody) | h. to tell people about something in public |

Now put the verbs in the correct form into the sentences below:

1. The politician _____ a lot of support when he spoke in public.
2. A lot of people _____ in the last election.
3. The family _____ to pay their bills because energy costs were very high.
4. The politician _____ a lot of women during his campaign.
5. The police _____ the offices of the company when there were complaints from staff.
6. The candidate was _____ by a very small number of votes.
7. The police _____ the candidate of illegal activities.
8. The result of the election was _____ at 7am.

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3 Reading

Read the article below. Put true (T) or false (F) next to each statement. Say why the false statements are false.

1. The result of the election did not affect global financial markets.
2. Donald Trump encouraged his supporters to thank Hillary Clinton for her what she has done for America.
3. Mrs Clinton congratulated Mr Trump on his victory by telephone.
4. Trump plans to build a wall between the US and Canada.
5. Nine in 10 Latinos of black voters voted for the Democratic candidate.

US election 2016 result: Trump beats Clinton to take White House

- 1 Donald Trump will be the 45th president of the United States after he defeated Hillary Clinton.

plans to stop immigrants getting into the US from Mexico by building a wall along the border.
- 2 The shock result caused global markets to fall, as a Clinton win was expected. Trump gained victories in the key states of Florida, Ohio and North Carolina, and with victory in Wisconsin he got the 270 out of 538 votes that he needed to become president.

7 Trump's proposals are popular with white working-class Americans as they are angry at the people in power and feel that they are struggling in today's economy.
- 3 At his victory celebration in New York Trump said: "I just received a call from Secretary Clinton. She congratulated us on our victory." He also said that Hillary Clinton had worked very hard and for a very long time for America, and that his supporters should thank her for this.

8 When it was time for voting, men were much more likely to vote for Mr Trump, while women mainly voted for Mrs Clinton. Nearly nine in 10 black voters and two-thirds of Latinos voted for the Democrat, but more than half of white voters supported the Republican.
- 4 Mrs Clinton, 69, did not arrive for what was going to be her victory celebration in Manhattan. The mood was dark at the election night party as supporters cried and left early.

9 The result of the election was very surprising because Mrs Clinton was ahead by four points in many polls. However, the FBI investigated Mrs Clinton because of her use of a private email server when she had a high government position. She was cleared for a second time last Sunday of doing anything illegal, but experts think the event probably hurt her chances in the election.
- 5 Trump, who announced that he wanted to be president in June last year, said that his victory had been "tough". The real estate billionaire and former reality TV star is new to the world of politics. He was laughed at across the globe when he said he wanted to be president, but in the election he won many of the key states.

10 Even though Trump won more votes, he has divided American society. During the last hours of voting, Canada's main immigration website crashed. Visitors got a "this page isn't working" error message.
- 6 When campaigning he offended many people with his comments about women, Muslims and his

Source: BBC News, The Independent, The Guardian



4 Find the words

Find a word or phrase in the article which means ...

1. very unexpected (*noun used as adj., P2*): _____
2. when somebody wins something (*noun, P3*): _____
3. difficult to do (*adj., P5*): _____
4. a person who has made a lot of money from selling homes (*noun phrase, P5*): _____
5. organising events to get people to vote for you (*verb -ing, P6*): _____
6. wanted someone to win (*verb -ed, P8*): _____
7. stopped working (a computer system) (*past verb, P10*): _____

5 Collocations

Match the verbs on the left to the words on the right.

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|------------|-----------------|
| 1. be | a. a call |
| 2. hurt | b. a victory |
| 3. win | c. ahead |
| 4. become | d. an election |
| 5. leave | e. early |
| 6. receive | f. president |
| 7. gain | g. your chances |

Now, make up a sentence for each collocation.

6 Talking point

Discuss any of the questions below.

1. How do you feel about the result of the US election?
2. Do you think it might affect things in your country?
3. Do you think the Democrats might have won if there had been a different candidate?



2 Key words

Give examples of each verb where necessary. Students can work alone and check in pairs.

1. b 2. d 3. h 4. a 5. g 6. e 7. c 8. f
1. gained
 2. voted
 3. struggled
 4. offended
 5. investigated
 6. defeated
 7. cleared
 8. announced

3 Reading

Students can work alone and check in pairs. Have students scan the article quickly. Go through the answers.

1. F - It caused the stock market to fall very quickly.
2. T
3. T
4. F - He wants to build a wall between the US and Mexico.
5. F - Two-thirds voted for Clinton.

4 Find the words

1. shock
2. a victory
3. tough
4. a real estate billionaire
5. campaigning
6. supported
7. crashed

5 Collocations

1. c 2. g 3. d 4. f 5. e 6. a 7. b

6 Talking point

Monitor the activity. Make a note of typical errors and write up useful language on the board.

