

Election Time Teacher's Notes **A2+** **B1**

These A2+ and B1-level articles and boxes will enable your pupils to have an overview of the US presidential elections. It can be an opportunity to compare with elections in other countries (their own country as well as how it is organised in the United Kingdom for example).

There are worksheets for A2+ and B1. The former only require pupils to read the main article and the election calendar box. The B1 worksheet has activities using all of the documents given.

Vocabulary and structures

- Cultural and historical aspect with specific vocabulary around politics and presidential elections
- Structures using various tenses from the past, the present and the future
- *IF* clauses
- Link words of opposition and similarities

Interaction

- We suggest video projecting the article or at least the pictures of the two candidates and asking pupils to comment on the two people (if they recognise them and what they know about them).

Reading + writing

- **Activity A** checks comprehension of the electoral process, using the election calendar box and the main article.
- **Activity B** helps the pupils with the main ideas of the article, verifying if they are true or false. There are two versions of this activity – at A2+ pupils are only asked about the main article. At B1, they also answer about the biography boxes.
- **Activity C** (B1) helps pupils check they have correctly understood what opposes the two candidates, reactivating the link words

whereas, both, like and unlike.

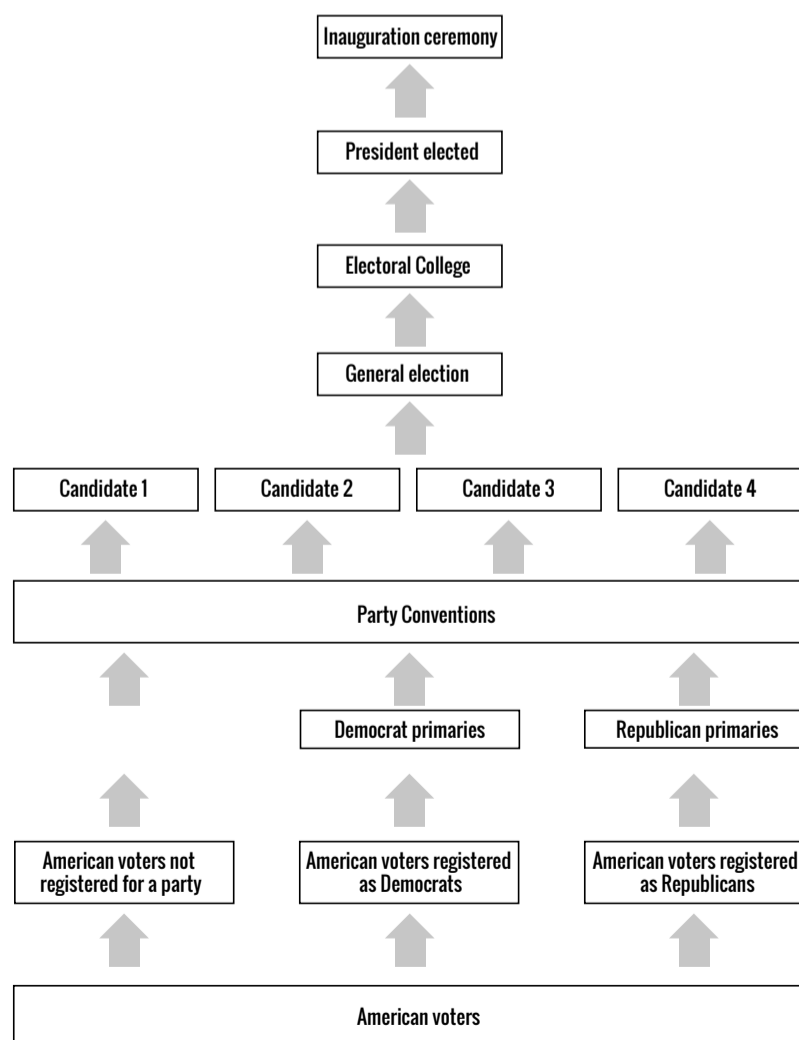
- **Activity D** (B1) is simply lexical – pupils match the antonyms to verbs from the article.

Speaking

The pupils can give their opinion at various moments of the article – from the mini-box, some of the policies as well as the potential election problem for each candidate.

Solutions

A. The Election Process



B. True or False

A2+

1. T **2.** F/2 terms. **3.** T **4.** F/he is an independent senator. **5.** F/right-wing. **6.** F/younger generation. **7.** F/businessman and reality TV star. **8.** F/ Hillary Clinton's running mate is Tim Kaine. (Donald Trump's is Mike Pence).

B1

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C. Similarities and opposites

1. whereas **2.** Both/whereas **3.** Unlike
4. Both **5.** Unlike **6.** whereas **7.** Like
8. Both **9.** unlike

D. Antonyms

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