

President Trump Teacher's Notes **A2**

This A2 article about the President-elect of the United States will enable students to say what they already know about Donald Trump and the American election and will provide enough new information to trigger interest. It will serve as a basis for speaking and writing activities as well as interaction.

Vocabulary and structures

- simple past, simple present, future with *will*
- superlatives
- language of elections and government
- family relationships

Interaction + speaking

In **Activity A**, students will start by brainstorming about Donald Trump to initiate interaction. We suggest allowing some time for group work to collect ideas before sharing with the class.

Here are some predictable sentences:

He is the new American president/he won the election

Hillary Clinton lost

He's very rich

His wife was a model...

Once they have agreed on what they already know students will have to think and make decisions on what they want to know.

They should be familiar with this type of anticipation:

How old is he?

Where was he born?

Where does he live?/Do you know where he lives?

Does he have any children?/Can you tell us if he has children? /I'd like to know if he has any children...

(Provided the answers were not given in the first part of the activity.)

One student from each group will give an oral presentation of what he/she and his/her partners have found, while the other groups take notes to learn more about Donald Trump.

Interaction + reading + writing

In **Activity B** the class is divided into groups which are assigned different parts of the article, in order to share information in **Activity C** before completing the text.

Reading + writing

Activity D is a crossword puzzle meant to end the lesson on a fun note.

Solutions

Activity B

Paragraphs 1-3

- Donald Trump won the presidential election in November; will become president in January.
- ...is a Republican.
- ...doesn't have a lot of experience

Paragraph 4

- Donald Trump has a lot of money; received his father's company.
- ...lives in a skyscraper called Trump Tower.

Paragraphs 5 and 6

- a. He was famous because he wrote business books; was the presenter of a famous TV show.
- b. His present wife is called Melania.

Activity C

Donald Trump won the presidential election in **November** but he will **become president** in January.

He is a member of the **Republican** party, but he **isn't** an experienced politician.

He has **a lot of** money because he **inherited / received** his father's company.

He lives in **New York City / Manhattan in a skyscraper called Trump Tower.**

Before the election he was famous because **he wrote business books and he presented a TV show.**

He was married **two** times before and his wife's name is **Melania.**

He has a **big** family.

Activity D. Crossword

Across

1. Republican
3. skyscraper
4. Melania
5. White House
6. Democratic

Down

2. Apprentice
3. Scottish