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| Barack Obama (2009 - 2017) Exercises | about-the-world.org/3974 | Video and exercises |

**Match terms**

*Task: Match each term with the appropriate explanation!*

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| (A) | Honolulu | (1) | relating to Kenya |
| (A) | Community Organizer | (2) | capital of Hawaii |
| (C) | Kenyan | (3) | school in Honolulu |
| (D) | Occidental College | (4) | college in Los Angeles |
| (D) | Harvard Law Review | (5) | university in New York |
| (E) | Great Recession | (6) | legal journal at Harvard |
| (I) | Columbia University | (7) | person who coordinates community work |
| (N) | Punahou School | (8) | legislative body in Illinois |
| (T) | Illinois State Senate | (9) | severe economic downturn |

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**Complete sentences**

*Task: Match the beginning of each sentence with the end!*

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| (A) | He served in ... | (1) | ... in Honolulu, Hawaii. |
| (C) | He ran for ... | (2) | ... from Kenya. |
| (H) | He established the ... | (3) | ... University in New York. |
| (M) | He worked as ... | (4) | ... a community organizer. |
| (O) | He attended Columbia ... | (5) | ... the Illinois State Senate. |
| (S) | Obama was born ... | (6) | ... president in 2007. |
| (T) | His father was ... | (7) | ... Obama Foundation. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | Where was Obama born? |
| (A) | in Honolulu, Hawaii |
| (R) | in New York |
| (V) | in Kenya |
| 2. | What was Obama’s profession before politics? |
| (A) | teacher |
| (N) | community organizer |
| (S) | lawyer |
| 3. | Where did Obama serve as a state senator? |
| (C) | Illinois |
| (N) | New York |
| (R) | Hawaii |
| 4. | When did Obama run for president? |
| (H) | 2007 |
| (R) | 2006 |
| (V) | 2008 |
| 5. | What major legislation did Obama pass? |
| (A) | No Child Left Behind |
| (O) | Affordable Care Act |
| (S) | Medicare for All |
| 6. | What did Obama establish after his presidency? |
| (A) | Obama University |
| (R) | Obama Foundation |
| (V) | Obama Healthcare |

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**Right or wrong?**

*Task: State whether the statements are true or false!*

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| right | wrong |  |
| (M) | (V) | 1. Obama was born in Honolulu. |
| (F) | (E) | 2. Obama was born in Kenya. |
| (R) | (S) | 3. Obama’s mother was Kenyan. |
| (S) | (R) | 4. Obama’s father was Kenyan. |
| (E) | (T) | 5. Obama attended Columbia University. |
| (A) | (R) | 6. Obama attended Harvard for undergrad. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

*Task: Answer the questions in one or two complete sentences!*

What is the significance of Obama’s birthplace?

What was Obama’s role as a community organizer?

What was significant about Obama’s time in the Illinois State Senate?

What was the focus of Obama’s presidential campaign?

What were some of Obama’s first term achievements?

What characterized Obama’s foreign policy?

What did Obama do after his presidency?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Barack Obama (2009 - 2017)**

**Match terms**

Kenyan = relating to Kenya

Honolulu = capital of Hawaii

Punahou School = school in Honolulu

Occidental College = college in Los Angeles

Columbia University = university in New York

Harvard Law Review = legal journal at Harvard

Community Organizer = person who coordinates community work

Illinois State Senate = legislative body in Illinois

Great Recession = severe economic downturn

Keyword: CANDIDATE

**Complete sentences**

Obama was born | in Honolulu, Hawaii.

His father was | from Kenya.

He attended Columbia | University in New York.

He worked as | a community organizer.

He served in | the Illinois State Senate.

He ran for | president in 2007.

He established the | Obama Foundation.

Keyword: STOMACH

**Questions**

Where was Obama born?

in Honolulu, Hawaii

What was Obama’s profession before politics?

community organizer

Where did Obama serve as a state senator?

Illinois

When did Obama run for president?

2007

What major legislation did Obama pass?

Affordable Care Act

What did Obama establish after his presidency?

Obama Foundation

Keyword: ANCHOR

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Obama was born in Honolulu.

4. Obama’s father was Kenyan.

5. Obama attended Columbia University.

wrong

6. Obama attended Harvard for undergrad.

2. Obama was born in Kenya.

3. Obama’s mother was Kenyan.

Keyword: BARBER

**Solution sheet 2**

**Barack Obama (2009 - 2017)**

**Questions and answers**

What is the significance of Obama’s birthplace?

Obama’s birthplace, Honolulu, Hawaii, highlights his diverse background and unique upbringing.

What was Obama’s role as a community organizer?

As a community organizer, Obama worked to improve housing and job opportunities in low-income neighborhoods in Chicago.

What was significant about Obama’s time in the Illinois State Senate?

During his time in the Illinois State Senate, Obama focused on healthcare and education reform, laying the groundwork for his future political career.

What was the focus of Obama’s presidential campaign?

Obama’s presidential campaign focused on hope and change, inspiring many young voters and emphasizing unity and progress.

What were some of Obama’s first term achievements?

In his first term, Obama implemented the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and the Affordable Care Act, and emphasized renewable energy and environmental protection.

What characterized Obama’s foreign policy?

Obama’s foreign policy was marked by diplomacy and multilateralism, with efforts to improve relations with Cuba and Iran and a key role in the Paris Agreement.

What did Obama do after his presidency?

After his presidency, Obama established the Obama Foundation and remained active in public life, engaging with young leaders around the world.