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| The US Presidential Election System Exercises | about-the-world.org/3982 | Video and exercises |

**Match terms**

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

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| (C) | Swing States | (1) | process to select party’s candidate |
| (E) | Caucuses | (2) | meetings to select political candidates |
| (E) | National Convention | (3) | representatives in nomination process |
| (E) | Electoral College | (4) | event to officially nominate candidate |
| (E) | Inauguration | (5) | period to gain voter support |
| (F) | Delegates | (6) | system to elect president |
| (N) | Electors | (7) | individuals casting official votes |
| (R) | Primaries | (8) | states with variable party allegiance |
| (R) | General Election Campaign | (9) | ceremony marking start of term |

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**Complete sentences**

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

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| (A) | Candidates from different parties ... | (1) | ... takes place every four years. |
| (B) | The national convention is where ... | (2) | ... compete in the election. |
| (M) | Each state has a certain ... | (3) | ... number of delegates. |
| (O) | Candidates travel across the country ... | (4) | ... delegates nominate their candidate. |
| (R) | The inauguration ceremony marks the ... | (5) | ... during the general election campaign. |
| (T) | The U.S. presidential election ... | (6) | ... vote for one party. |
| (U) | Swing states do not consistently ... | (7) | ... beginning of the new term. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | What happens every four years? |
| (A) | State elections |
| (R) | U.S. presidential election |
| (V) | Congressional elections |
| 2. | What is the role of delegates? |
| (A) | To run the national convention |
| (O) | To officially nominate the candidate |
| (S) | To vote in the general election |
| 3. | What starts after the national convention? |
| (C) | The general election campaign |
| (N) | The caucuses |
| (R) | The primaries |
| 4. | What system does the U.S. use to elect the president? |
| (K) | Electoral College system |
| (R) | Parliamentary system |
| (V) | Popular vote system |
| 5. | What are swing states? |
| (A) | States with no party allegiance |
| (E) | States with variable party allegiance |
| (S) | States with fixed party allegiance |
| 6. | When does the inauguration take place? |
| (R) | Before the election |
| (T) | Following the election |
| (V) | During the election |

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**Right or wrong?**

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

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| right | wrong |  |
| (S) | (V) | 1. The U.S. presidential election is every four years. |
| (F) | (C) | 2. The general election campaign starts before nomination. |
| (R) | (H) | 3. Delegates do not attend the national convention. |
| (I) | (R) | 4. Primaries and caucuses select the party’s candidate. |
| (F) | (T) | 5. The U.S. uses an Electoral College system. |
| (A) | (F) | 6. All states consistently vote for one party. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

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

What is the U.S. presidential election?

What are primaries and caucuses?

What is the role of delegates?

What is the general election campaign?

What is the Electoral College system?

What are swing states?

What is the inauguration?

**Solution sheet 1**

**The US Presidential Election System**

**Match terms**

Primaries = process to select party’s candidate

Caucuses = meetings to select political candidates

Delegates = representatives in nomination process

National Convention = event to officially nominate candidate

General Election Campaign = period to gain voter support

Electoral College = system to elect president

Electors = individuals casting official votes

Swing States = states with variable party allegiance

Inauguration = ceremony marking start of term

Keyword: REFERENCE

**Complete sentences**

The U.S. presidential election | takes place every four years.

Candidates from different parties | compete in the election.

Each state has a certain | number of delegates.

The national convention is where | delegates nominate their candidate.

Candidates travel across the country | during the general election campaign.

Swing states do not consistently | vote for one party.

The inauguration ceremony marks the | beginning of the new term.

Keyword: TAMBOUR

**Questions**

What happens every four years?

U.S. presidential election

What is the role of delegates?

To officially nominate the candidate

What starts after the national convention?

The general election campaign

What system does the U.S. use to elect the president?

Electoral College system

What are swing states?

States with variable party allegiance

When does the inauguration take place?

Following the election

Keyword: ROCKET

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. The U.S. presidential election is every four years.

4. Primaries and caucuses select the party’s candidate.

5. The U.S. uses an Electoral College system.

wrong

6. All states consistently vote for one party.

2. The general election campaign starts before nomination.

3. Delegates do not attend the national convention.

Keyword: DONKEY

**Solution sheet 2**

**The US Presidential Election System**

**Questions and answers**

What is the U.S. presidential election?

The U.S. presidential election is a process that takes place every four years to choose the President and Vice President.

What are primaries and caucuses?

Primaries and caucuses are events held by political parties to select their candidate for president.

What is the role of delegates?

Delegates are representatives who play a crucial role in the nomination process, attending the party’s national convention to officially nominate the candidate.

What is the general election campaign?

The general election campaign is a period during which candidates travel across the country to gain support from voters.

What is the Electoral College system?

The Electoral College system is a method used in the U.S. to elect the president, where each state has a set number of electoral votes based on its population.

What are swing states?

Swing states are crucial in the U.S. presidential election as they do not consistently vote for one party, and winning these states can determine the election outcome.

What is the inauguration?

The inauguration is a ceremony that takes place on January 20th following the election, marking the beginning of the new president’s term.