

READING COMPREHENSION : US ELECTION 2024



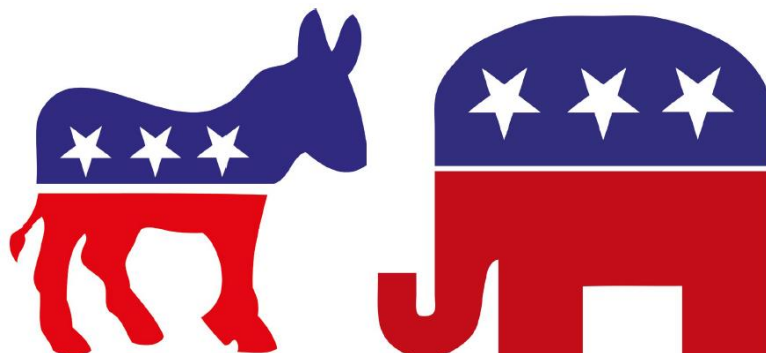
Every four years, voters in the U.S. go to the polls to elect a President. This year, the election day is 5 November 2024. So how is a President elected?



First the parties have to choose a candidate. In the U.S.A. there are two main parties: the Democrats and the Republicans.

In 2024, the incumbent president is a Democrat, Joe Biden, and he wanted to campaign for a second term. But in July he decided his health could make it difficult for him to serve four more years, and he withdrew from the campaign. He endorsed his Vice-President, Kamala Harris, as candidate and the Democratic Party agreed.

Presidents can only serve two four-year terms.



Traditionally, the Democrats are represented by a donkey, and the Republicans by an elephant.

The Democratic Party is also associated with the colour blue, while the Republican Party is associated with red.

Voting

The date of election is 5 November. (The first Tuesday after the first Monday of November.) Americans often have to queue for hours at polling stations to vote, or they can use postal votes. These take longer to count, so the result may not be announced on the night.

It's STILL not over

Once the winner is decided, he or she is confirmed by Congress in January and finally, on 20 January 2025, the new President will be inaugurated in a popular ceremony in Washington, DC. ■

Who's Who

Republican



President
Donald Trump
Age: 78

Mr Trump was President from 2017 to 2021. A rich New York businessman, he had never been

elected to political office before. He lost the election against Joe Biden in 2020 and contested the results. He is known for his pro-business and anti-immigration policies "putting America first".



Vice-President
J.D. Vance
Age: 40

John David Vance had a difficult childhood in Ohio before he succeeded in going to university and law school and worked

in finance. In 2016, he published a successful memoir.

He was a strong critic of Mr Trump before accepting Trump's support to be elected as a Republican Senator in Ohio in 2022.

Democrat

President
Kamala Harris
Age: 59

Kamala Harris has been Vice-President since 2021, the first woman in the role. She was a Senator

for her home state of California from 2017 to 2021. She was Attorney General of the state for six years, an elected role at the head of the judicial system. She campaigned for the Presidential nomination in 2020.



Vice-President
Tim Walz
Age: 60

Tim Walz was born in Nebraska and worked as a high-school social-studies teacher and American football

coach before becoming a member of Congress for a seat in Minnesota, his wife's home state. After 12 years in Congress, he was elected Governor of Minnesota and is currently serving his second term.



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Read the article and find information :

1. THE MAJOR PARTIES

Names	Emblems	Colours

2. THE ELECTION

a) **When** **do** the election traditionnaly **take** place ?

The first tuesday of

b) **How often** **is** a US president elected?

every 4

c) **How many times** **can** a candidate **be** elected ?

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d) **When** **does** the new president **start** his term ? (month)

in january

3. THE CANDIDATES

Parties	Names	Age	Career / experience
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	Vice – President :	- - -
R	President :	- -
	Vice- President :	- -

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