

2 Private Home, Public Place

How did First Ladies make the White House their home?

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Feeling at home



A. Pairwork. How did the Obamas manage to live an ordinary life in the White House?

- Pupil A looks for elements of the scene that refer to the Obamas' public life.
- Pupil B looks for elements of the scene that refer to the Obamas' private life.

B. Imagine White House official photographer Pete Souza's intention when he took that photo.



The Obamas in the Treaty Room (White House), 2011

HELP!

Nouns

- (a piece of) furniture
- coffee table
- files / paperwork /'pærpəwɜ:k/
- fireplace

Adjectives

- casual /'kæʒʊəl/ (clothes)
- comfortable /'kɒmftərəbl/
- informal
- usual /'ʊʒʊəl/ ordinary /'ɔ:rɪndəri/ average /'ævərɪdʒ/

Verbs & expressions

- behave casually
- go into politics

2 An ordinary life in an extraordinary place

VIDEO N°15

- A. Before watching.** Imagine what Michelle Obama did to make everyday life ordinary at the White House and why it was important for her to do so.
- B.** Watch the video and identify the central figure of the Obama family life at the White House.
- C.** Turn to Worksheet n°13 to know more about the role that person played at the White House.

