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Kamala Harris to be first woman Vice President

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THE ARTICLE

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WARM-UPS

1. KAMALA HARRIS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Kamala Harris. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

Vice President / television / networks / election / history / American / fight / work / a rising star / attorney general / campaign / running mate / possible / daydream

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. BIDEN-HARRIS: Students A **strongly** believe Biden-Harris will be better for the USA than Trump-Pence; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. WHAT'S POSSIBLE: What's possible in your life regarding the things in the table? How likely is it these will be reality? Why / Why not? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What's Possible?	Likelihood of This Happening	Why (Not)?
True love			
Fluency in English			
Be super fit			
Be rich			
Get a great job			
Give up bad habits			

5. ELECTION: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "election". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. DAYDREAMS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best things to daydream about at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Love
- Money
- Travel
- Food
- The future
- Speaking English
- Driving
- Work

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. major | a. Said something in public and formally about a fact, occurrence, or plan. |
| 2. announced | b. Chose someone to hold be in a job by voting for them. |
| 3. vote | c. Important, serious, or significant. |
| 4. elected | d. Whatever it is that makes a person, thing or country that person, thing or country. |
| 5. post | e. A position of paid employment; a job. |
| 6. soul | f. The action of being ready and prepared to do something. |
| 7. willingness | g. The choice of people who take part in elections. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8. star | h. Lots of nice thoughts that make you forget about the present. |
| 9. decade | i. Took part in an effort to win an election as a leader. |
| 10. served | j. Got someone to do a job (like being President) by making them say they will promise to do a good job. |
| 11. ran | k. A famous or very, very talented person, sports player, actor or performer. |
| 12. sworn in | l. A period of ten years. |
| 13. ascent | m. An upward slope or path. |
| 14. daydream | n. Performed duties or services. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201109-kamala-harris.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. Kamala Harris is the President-elect of the USA. **T / F**
- b. The article says Joe Biden won over 279 Electoral College votes. **T / F**
- c. Kamala Harris will be the first woman to serve as Vice President. **T / F**
- d. Kamala Harris said the election was about the soul of America. **T / F**
- e. Kamala Harris has served the Democrats for over 30 years. **T / F**
- f. Kamala Harris is a former attorney general. **T / F**
- g. Kamala Harris chose Joe Biden to be her running mate. **T / F**
- h. A magazine hoped that one day Kamala Harris would be President. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------|
| 1. major | a. spirit |
| 2. announced | b. candidate |
| 3. post | c. achieved |
| 4. soul | d. big |
| 5. ahead | e. job |
| 6. star | f. in front |
| 7. nominee | g. rise |
| 8. ascent | h. declared |
| 9. accomplished | i. step |
| 10. level | j. big name |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The major television | a. much more |
| 2. the first of South Asian | b. ahead of us |
| 3. This election is about so | c. as President |
| 4. It's about the soul | d. star |
| 5. We have a lot of work | e. up to the presidency |
| 6. Kamala Harris has been a rising | f. networks in the USA |
| 7. attorney | g. daydream |
| 8. sworn in | h. descent |
| 9. I can't help but | i. general |
| 10. stepping one level | j. of America |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201109-kamala-harris.html>

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descent
soul
major
ahead
hold
simply
enough
announced

Kamala Harris has been a rising (9) _____ in the Democratic Party for the last two decades. She served as California's attorney general before becoming a US senator. She ran to become the (10) _____ for the 2020 Democratic presidential (11) _____ but lost to Joe Biden. However, Mr Biden chose her as his running (12) _____. They will be sworn in as President and Vice President on January 20. Jemele Hill, (13) _____ in the Atlantic magazine, said: "Harris' ascent to the vice-presidency is certainly a (14) _____ of what's possible. She has accomplished something that no other black woman has. I can't help but (15) _____ about Harris someday stepping one (16) _____ up to the presidency."

reflection
nominee
mate
level
star
daydream
writing
campaign

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201109-kamala-harris.html>

- 1) Kamala Harris is the U.S. Vice President-elect. The _____
 - a. major television network
 - b. major television net works
 - c. major television nets work
 - d. major television net work
- 2) They said Mr Biden has 279 votes in the Electoral College, which is _____
 - a. enough from him
 - b. enough of him
 - c. enough for him
 - d. enough fear him
- 3) Ms Harris will be the first woman in U.S. history to _____
 - a. hold the pastel
 - b. hold the paste
 - c. hold the post
 - d. hold the boast
- 4) This election is about so much more than Joe Biden or me. It's about the _____
 - a. soul off America
 - b. soul of America
 - c. sole of America
 - d. sale of America
- 5) We have a lot of work ahead of us. _____
 - a. Let's get start it
 - b. Let's get start Ted
 - c. Let's get star Ted
 - d. Let's get started
- 6) Kamala Harris has been a rising star in the Democratic Party for the _____
 - a. last too decade
 - b. last too decadence
 - c. last two decades
 - d. last two decadence
- 7) She served as California's attorney general before becoming _____
 - a. a US senatorial
 - b. a US senator
 - c. a US senators
 - d. a US sent after
- 8) She ran to become the nominee for the 2020 Democratic presidential _____
 - a. campaign but lost
 - b. campaigned but lost
 - c. campaign bet lost
 - d. campaign bet loss
- 9) Atlantic magazine, said: "Harris' ascent to the vice-presidency is _____
 - a. certainly a reflection
 - b. certainly a reflect shun
 - c. certainly a reef election
 - d. certainly a rift election
- 10) I can't help but daydream about Harris someday stepping _____
 - a. one level upper
 - b. one level upped
 - c. one level ups
 - d. one level up

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201109-kamala-harris.html>

1. Who does the article say announced the news that Joe Biden had won?
2. How many Electoral College votes does the article say Joe Biden won?
3. How many U.S. Presidents have there been before?
4. How old is Kamala Harris?
5. What did Kamala Harris say was ahead of her?
6. What kind of star does the article describe Kamala Harris as being?
7. What was Kamala Harris' job before she became a senator?
8. When will Kamala Harris be sworn in as Vice President?
9. What is the name of the magazine that wrote about Kamala Harris?
10. What did a magazine write say she couldn't help doing?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201109-kamala-harris.html>

- 1) Who does the article say announced the news that Joe Biden had won?
 - a) major television networks
 - b) the Internet
 - c) the Washington Post
 - d) Donald Trump
- 2) How many Electoral College votes does the article say Joe Biden won?
 - a) 277
 - b) 278
 - c) 279
 - d) 280
- 3) How many U.S. Presidents have there been?
 - a) 44
 - b) 45
 - c) 46
 - d) 43
- 4) How old is Kamala Harris?
 - a) 52
 - b) 65
 - c) 50
 - d) 56
- 5) What did Kamala Harris say was ahead of her?
 - a) a lot of work
 - b) brighter times
 - c) a great future
 - d) hard times
- 6) What kind of star does the article describe Kamala Harris as being?
 - a) a shining star
 - b) a bright star
 - c) a shooting star
 - d) a rising star
- 7) What was Kamala Harris' job before she became a senator?
 - a) journalist
 - b) attorney general
 - c) lawyer
 - d) professor
- 8) When will Kamala Harris be sworn in as Vice President?
 - a) January 21
 - b) January 22
 - c) January 19
 - d) January 20
- 9) What is the name of the magazine that wrote about Kamala Harris?
 - a) Pacific
 - b) Arctic
 - c) Atlantic
 - d) Indian
- 10) What did a magazine write say she couldn't help doing?
 - a) write
 - b) daydream
 - c) smile
 - d) plan

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201109-kamala-harris.html>

Role A – Love

You think love is the best thing to daydream about. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): travel, speaking English or food.

Role B – Travel

You think travel is the best thing to daydream about. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): love, speaking English or food.

Role C – Speaking English

You think speaking English is the best thing to daydream about. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): travel, love or food.

Role D – Food

You think food is the best thing to daydream about. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): travel, speaking English or love.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201109-kamala-harris.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'woman' and 'president'.

woman	president
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• major• 279• history• descent• more• ahead	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• star• served• campaign• sworn• other• level
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KAMALA HARRIS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Kamala Harris in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

KAMALA HARRIS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'president'?
3. What do you know about Kamala Harris?
4. What do you think of the US election result?
5. What does a Vice President do?
6. Do you think Kamala Harris should do as Vice President?
7. How happy are you with your country's leaders?
8. What is the soul of America?
9. What work does Kamala Harris have ahead of her?
10. What advice do you have for Kamala Harris?

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KAMALA HARRIS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'election'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Do you think Kamala Harris will be sworn in on January 20?
15. What can Kamala Harris do to be a role model?
16. What three adjectives best describe Kamala Harris?
17. What is possible for you in life?
18. What do you daydream about?
19. What kind of president would Kamala Harris be?
20. What questions would you like to ask Kamala Harris?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) meteor | (b) metre | (c) major | (d) more |
| 2. | (a) in | (b) of | (c) as | (d) to |
| 3. | (a) as | (b) is | (c) was | (d) has |
| 4. | (a) hold | (b) clench | (c) grasp | (d) stroke |
| 5. | (a) rise | (b) descent | (c) fall | (d) level |
| 6. | (a) sale | (b) seal | (c) sole | (d) soul |
| 7. | (a) comet | (b) moon | (c) star | (d) sun |
| 8. | (a) become | (b) became | (c) becomes | (d) becoming |
| 9. | (a) to | (b) of | (c) at | (d) on |
| 10. | (a) written | (b) writing | (c) wrote | (d) writes |
| 11. | (a) image | (b) reflection | (c) mirrors | (d) shine |
| 12. | (a) nightmare | (b) dreamland | (c) daydream | (d) nightlife |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. The arvoj television networks
2. enough for him to be lcetee
3. the first of South Asian desntec
4. It's about the lous of America
5. our weilinglsns to fight for it
6. We have a lot of work ahdae

Paragraph 2

7. for the last two aceddse
8. She served as California's tatoerny general
9. She ran to become the oneneim
10. the 2020 Democratic presidential apmingac
11. a eflriotcen of what's possible
12. I can't help but ydradema

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201109-kamala-harris.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () "This election is about so much more than Joe Biden or me. It's about the soul of
- () magazine, said: "Harris' ascent to the vice-presidency is certainly a reflection of what's
- () announced that Joe Biden has won the 2020 U.S. Election. They said Mr Biden has 279
- () general before becoming a US senator. She ran to become the nominee for the 2020 Democratic presidential
- () in as President and Vice President on January 20. Jemele Hill, writing in the Atlantic
- () daydream about Harris someday stepping one level up to the presidency."
- () campaign but lost to Joe Biden. However, Mr Biden chose her as his running mate. They will be sworn
- () America and our willingness to fight for it. We have a lot of work ahead of us. Let's get started."
- () votes in the Electoral College, which is enough for him to be elected as America's 46th President. Ms Harris will be the first woman
- (**1**) Kamala Harris is the U.S. Vice President-elect. The major television networks in the USA have
- () in U.S. history to hold the post of Vice President. She will also be the first black American and the first
- () possible. She has accomplished something that no other black woman has. I can't help but
- () Kamala Harris has been a rising star in the Democratic Party for the last two decades. She served as California's attorney
- () of South Asian descent to hold the post. Harris, 56, simply tweeted: "We did it, Joe Biden." She added:

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. networks USA . in major television the The
2. 279 Electoral in has College . the votes Biden
3. woman post . to the hold first The
4. This much so is more . about election
5. work We of of ahead have lots us .
6. in been star a party . Harris the has
7. the become She nominee to 2020 . for ran
8. as However, his running chose Biden her mate .
9. a of what's reflection Certainly possible .
10. stepping one Someday to up presidency . the level

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201109-kamala-harris.html>

Kamala Harris is the U.S. Vice President-elect. The *major / majorly* television networks in the USA have *announced / announcement* that Joe Biden has *winning / won* the 2020 U.S. Election. They said Mr Biden has 279 votes *on / in* the Electoral College, which is enough *as / for* him to be elected as America's 46th President. Ms Harris will be the first woman in U.S. history to *hold / belief* the post of Vice President. She will also be the first black American and the first of South Asian *descend / descent* to hold the post. Harris, 56, *simply / simple* tweeted: "We did it, Joe Biden." She added: "This election is about so *many / much* more than Joe Biden or me. It's about the soul of America and our willingness to fight for it. We have a lot of work *ahead / heading* of us. Let's get started."

Kamala Harris has been a rising *star / start* in the Democratic Party for the last two decades. She *serviced / served* as California's attorney general *before / ahead* becoming a US senator. She *ran / jogged* to become the nominee for the 2020 Democratic presidential campaign but *losing / lost* to Joe Biden. However, Mr Biden chose her as his running *pal / mate*. They will be sworn *in / out* as President and Vice President on January 20. Jemele Hill, writing in the Atlantic magazine, said: "Harris' *descent / ascent* to the vice-presidency is certainly a *reflection / mirror* of what's possible. She has accomplished something that no other black woman has. I can't help but daydream about Harris someday stepping *on / one* level up to the presidency."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201109-kamala-harris.html>

kamala harris is the us vice presidentelect the major television networks in the usa have announced that joe biden has won the 2020 us election they said mr biden has 279 votes in the electoral college which is enough for him to be elected as americas 46th president ms harris will be the first woman in us history to hold the post of vice president she will also be the first black american and the first of south asian descent to hold the post harris 56 simply tweeted we did it joe biden she added this election is about so much more than joe biden or me its about the soul of america and our willingness to fight for it we have a lot of work ahead of us lets get started

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. KAMALA HARRIS: Make a poster about Kamala Harris. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. ROLE MODEL: Write a magazine article about Kamala Harris being able to positively impact millions of lives. Include an imaginary interview with her.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on Kamala Harris. Ask him/her three questions about her. Give him/her three pieces of advice. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. a 3. g 4. b 5. e 6. d 7. f
8. k 9. l 10. n 11. i 12. j 13. m 14. h

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b F c T d T e F f T g F h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. d	2. h	3. e	4. a	5. f
6. j	7. b	8. g	9. c	10. i

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Major television networks
2. 279
3. 45
4. 56
5. A lot of work
6. A rising star
7. Attorney general
8. January 20
9. Atlantic
10. Daydream

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. The major television networks in the USA.
2. Biden has 279 votes in the Electoral College.
3. The first woman to hold the post.
4. This election is about so much more.
5. We have lots of work ahead of us.
6. Harris has been a star in the party.
7. She ran to become the nominee for 2020.
8. However, Biden chose her as his running mate.
9. Certainly a reflection of what's possible.
10. Someday stepping one level up to the presidency.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. a 2. c 3. b 4. d 5. a 6. d 7. b 8. d 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)