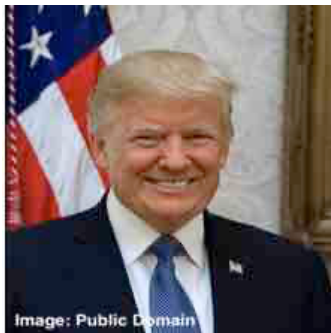


US Secret Service faces questions over Trump

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The US Secret Service is facing questions after the attempted assassination of former President Donald Trump on Saturday. A shooter managed to climb onto the roof of a building that was just 130 metres from where Mr Trump was

speaking at a rally. People who attended the event told police they had seen a man with a rifle on top of the building. There were also police inside the building from which the gunman fired shots at Mr Trump. The director of the Secret Service said the shooting "was unacceptable". She said: "This is an event that never should have happened." She added: "The Secret Service is responsible for the protection of the former President. The buck stops with me."

The shooting is the first attempt on a President's or former President's life since the shooting of Ronald Reagan in 1981. Mr Trump was speaking to a large crowd of supporters at his campaign rally near Butler, Pennsylvania. The 20-year-old gunman fired eight shots. One bullet hit Mr Trump's ear. There was blood on his ear and face. Secret Service officers immediately surrounded Trump. Secret Service staff hurried the former President to a nearby safety vehicle. One man died and two people were critically injured in the shooting. The gunman was shot and killed by a sniper. Mr Trump later thanked God for "preventing the unthinkable". He was well enough to attend a Republican convention on Monday.

Sources: [cnn.com](https://www.cnn.com) / [nytimes.com](https://www.nytimes.com) / [foxnews.com](https://www.foxnews.com)

Writing

It is too dangerous for politicians to speak in public. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

Secret Service / questions / assassinations / president / rifle / police / protection / a large crowd / supporters / campaign / rally / gunman / safety vehicle / injured

True / False

- 1) The article says the Secret Service has to answer two questions. T / F
- 2) The shooter was on a roof that was 130 metres above ground. T / F
- 3) There were police in the building the shooter was on top of. T / F
- 4) The head of the Secret Service accepted responsibility. T / F
- 5) The last attempt on a U.S. President's life was in 1981. T / F
- 6) The shooter was 21 years old. T / F
- 7) Mr Trump thanked God for preventing the unthinkable. T / F
- 8) Mr Trump attended a Republican convention on Sunday. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. facing | a. defence |
| 2. former | b. encircled |
| 3. attended | c. in charge of |
| 4. responsible for | d. went to |
| 5. protection | e. stopping |
| 6. attempt | f. coming up against |
| 7. supporters | g. seriously |
| 8. surrounded | h. followers |
| 9. critically | i. ex |
| 10. preventing | j. try |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you know about America's Secret Service?
- b) What are the security services like in your country?
- c) What do you know about the attempted assassination?
- d) How did the shooter manage to get close enough to shoot Mr Trump?
- e) What were you doing when you heard the news of the shooting?
- f) How will the shooting change the USA?
- g) What should happen to the boss of the Secret Service?
- h) What advice do you have for Donald Trump?

Phrase Match

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| 1. the attempted | a. a rifle |
| 2. climb onto the roof | b. me |
| 3. they had seen a man with | c. of supporters |
| 4. an event that never should | d. a sniper |
| 5. The buck stops with | e. assassination |
| 6. a large crowd | f. injured |
| 7. campaign | g. surrounded Trump |
| 8. officers immediately | h. rally |
| 9. critically | i. of a building |
| 10. shot and killed by | j. have happened |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- How could leaders be better protected?
- Would you like to attend a Donald Trump campaign rally?
- What images did you see of the shooting?
- What did you think of the Secret Service agents at the rally?
- What do you think of the USA election in November?
- What is the difference between the Republican and Democratic parties?
- What questions would you ask Mr Trump?

Spelling

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- attend a Republican ocnvnontie

Answers – Synonym Match

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

Role Play

Role A – Head of State

You think being head of state is the most important duty for the U.S. President. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their duties aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): Commander-in-Chief, choosing federal agency heads or uniting the people.

Role B – Being Commander-in-Chief

You think being Commander-in-Chief is the most important duty for the U.S. President. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their duties aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): being head of state, choosing federal agency heads or uniting the people.

Role C – Choosing Federal Agency Heads

You think choosing federal agency heads is the most important duty for the U.S. President. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their duties aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): Commander-in-Chief, being head of state or uniting the people.

Role D – Uniting the People

You think uniting the people is the most important duty for the U.S. President. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their duties aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): Commander-in-Chief, choosing federal agency heads or being head of state.

Speaking – The President

Rank these with your partner. Put the most important presidential duties at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • Head of state | • Veto laws |
| • Commander-in-Chief | • Sign treaties |
| • Pass laws | • Issue pardons |
| • Choose federal agency heads | • Unite the people |

Answers – True False

1	F	2	F	3	T	4	T	5	T	6	F	7	T	8	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.