



# Trump ready for nomination

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PRE-INTERMEDIATE

## 1 Warm-up

What do you know about the difference between the US Republican and Democratic parties?

## 2 US presidential elections

Match the underlined words and phrases to the definitions below.

1. Hillary Clinton will probably become the Democratic nominee for president.
  2. He had no chance of winning, so he decided to quit.
  3. Who do you think will win the Republican primaries?
  4. There are two candidates in the election. One of them will become president.
  5. Everybody is ready for the general election.
  6. Who is going to win the race?
  7. Millions of voters will decide who will become the president.
  8. Who do you think will be the candidate's running mate?
- a. a competition, e.g. a political election
  - b. a person who is officially chosen to do something
  - c. a political partner chosen for a politician who is trying to get elected
  - d. an election in which every adult in the country can vote for government representatives
  - e. people who show their choice or opinion in an election
  - f. somebody who takes part in an election
  - g. stop doing something
  - h. the elections in the US that decide who will represent the parties in the presidential elections

## 3 Find the information

On the next page, put T (True) or F (False) next to each statement. Then read the article to check your answers.

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1. Ted Cruz supports Donald Trump. T/F
2. Most Republicans support Donald Trump. T/F
3. Last year, everybody believed in Mr Trump. T/F
4. Mr Trump will make it more difficult for Democrats to win. T/F
5. Mr Trump wants to build a wall on the southern US border. T/F
6. Mr Trump doesn't want to pay for the wall. T/F
7. Jeb Bush wants to be Trump's running mate. T/F

## Donald Trump is ready for the Republican nomination.

### Cruz and Kasich quit, Trump is ready to become the nominee.

- 1 On Tuesday May 3rd, Donald Trump won the Indiana Primary. At the same time, his Republican rival Ted Cruz decided to quit. So now Mr Trump is almost the Republican nominee.
- 2 Mr Cruz avoided talking about Mr Trump, probably because of all the personal attacks between the two candidates. During the race, Mr Trump made fun of Mr Cruz's wife, Heidi, and suggested that Mr Cruz's father was connected to Lee Harvey Oswald, the man who killed President John F Kennedy. He also called Cruz "Lying Ted".
- 3 Many Republicans do not intend to support Mr Trump. And some of them decided to burn their voter registration forms and leave the Republican party.
- 4 However, others started to show some support to the candidate, saying Mr Trump is a much better choice than Hillary Clinton, the probable Democratic nominee.
- 5 Mr Trump is very unpopular among many groups of voters in the US. "If we nominate Trump, we will get destroyed," South Carolina Senator Lindsey Graham said on Tuesday. But others will stop saying bad things about him and support him in the general election.  
  
"There's a lot about Donald Trump that I don't like, but I'll vote for Trump over Hillary," said Ari Fleischer, press secretary for former President George W Bush.
- 6 When Mr Trump started his campaign in June, not many people believed in him. But he then won a lot of states across the US, and he beat the other candidates very easily.
- 7 Ohio Governor John Kasich decided to stay in the Republican race, but then he officially quit on Wednesday evening in an emotional speech.
- 8 According to many analysts, Mr Trump will make it easier for the Democrats to win. Many people are worried about some of his policies. He has many extreme proposals. For example, he wants to build a wall on the southern US border, and he wants Mexico to pay for it. He wants a ban on Muslims coming to the US and he wants to kill the families of terrorists. These policies are popular among Republican primary voters but very unpopular among much of the general public.
- 9 These problems will make it more difficult to find a running mate. Mr Trump wants somebody with political experience. But some politicians don't want to be his running mate. For example, the New York Times newspaper asked a senior adviser for the former Republican candidate Jeb Bush if Mr Bush would like to be Mr Trump's running mate. The advisor simply laughed at the question.



## 4 Find the words

Find a word or phrase in the text which means...

1. not telling the truth (*verb -ing, P2*): \_\_\_\_\_
2. choose somebody in an election (*verb, P5*): \_\_\_\_\_
3. political plans/proposals (*plural noun, P8*): \_\_\_\_\_
4. an official rule that people must not do or use something (*noun, P8*): \_\_\_\_\_
5. all ordinary people (*two-word noun, P8*): \_\_\_\_\_
6. happening, existing, or true in the past but not now (*adjective, P9*): \_\_\_\_\_

Now choose three of the words/phrases and make up your own sentences.

## 5 Talking point

Discuss any of the questions below in pairs or groups.

1. What do you think of Donald Trump?
2. Who do you think will win the US presidential election?
3. Does your country have any 'interesting' political candidates?

## 6 Verb patterns

When one verb comes after another verb, we use the form **to + infinitive** (to do / not to do) or **-ing** (doing / not doing). Complete the examples from the text in the table and read the rules on the box on the next page.

verb + infinitive	verb + -ing
His Republican rival Ted Cruz <b>decided</b> _____ <sup>1</sup> .	Mr Cruz <b>avoided</b> _____ <sup>4</sup> about Mr Trump.
Many republicans <b>do not intend</b> <u>to support</u> Mr Trump.	But others will <b>stop</b> _____ <sup>5</sup> bad things about him and support him in the general election.
Others <b>started</b> _____ <sup>3</sup> some support.	



Some verbs are usually followed by **to + infinitive**. Examples:

**want**                      **decide**                      **agree**                      **plan**                      **intend**  
**offer**                      **need**                      **promise**                      **prefer**                      **refuse**                      **hope**

- We **intend to spend** the summer in the countryside.
- She **promised to help** me with my homework.
- I **didn't agree to sell** you my car!

We also use **to + infinitive** after the structure: **ask/warn/help/allow/tell/want + someone**

- She **asked me to help** her.
- He **told me to come** earlier.

Some verbs are usually followed by an **-ing form**. Examples:

**avoid**                      **admit**                      **can't stand**                      **dislike**                      **enjoy**  
**hate**                      **like**                      **love**                      **practise**                      **stop**

- Lenny is very sporty. He **loves playing** football.
- She **admitted breaking** the window.
- I'm going to England to **practise speaking** English.

## 7 Grammar practice I

Complete the sentences with the verbs below in the correct form.

**become**                      **book**                      **do**                      **drink**                      **eat**                      **go**  
**learn**                      **lose**                      **open**                      **phone**                      **wake up**                      **watch**

1. Joe hopes \_\_\_\_\_ an actor after his finishes school.
2. It was very hot, so I decided \_\_\_\_\_ the window.
3. If you want \_\_\_\_\_ weight, you should stop \_\_\_\_\_ so much chocolate.
4. Dinesh doesn't like \_\_\_\_\_ new languages.
5. I told Mike \_\_\_\_\_ to bed, but he didn't listen.
6. The doctor warned the patient \_\_\_\_\_ more exercise.
7. This website allows you \_\_\_\_\_ videos.
8. She promised \_\_\_\_\_ me but I'm still waiting for her call.
9. Joseph hates \_\_\_\_\_ early. He prefers \_\_\_\_\_ late.
10. Tony is healthy. He avoids \_\_\_\_\_ alcohol.



## 8 Grammar practice II

Now complete the following questions with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1. What do you enjoy doing (do) ?
2. What do you dislike \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) for breakfast?
3. When did you start \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) English?
4. When did you stop \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) cartoons?
5. What kind of places do you avoid \_\_\_\_\_ (visit)?
6. What do you intend \_\_\_\_\_ (do) next week?
7. Is there any country you hope \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) in the future?

In pairs, ask and answer the questions.



**1 Warm-up**

*Encourage a short discussion.*

**2 US presidential elections**

*Students can work alone and check in pairs.*

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

**3 Find the information**

*Students can work alone and check in pairs. Have students read the article. Go through the answers.*

1. F      2. F      3. F      4. F      5. T      6. F      7. F

**4 Find the words**

*Students can work alone and check in pairs.*

1. lying                                      2. vote                                      3. policies  
4. ban    5. the general public                      6. former

**5 Talking point**

*Monitor the activity. Make a note of typical errors and write up useful language on the board.*

**6 Verb patterns**

*Draw attention to the box. Give or elicit further examples where necessary. Ask students to find more examples from the text.*

1. to quit                                      3. to show                                      4. talking                                      5. saying

**7 Grammar practice I**

*Students can work individually and check in pairs.*

1. to become      2. to open      3. to lose; eating      4. learning      5. to go  
6. to do      7. to watch      8. to phone      9. waking up; to wake up      10. drinking up

**8 Grammar practice II**

*Students can work in pairs. Encourage full answers. Demonstrate with a strong student. Encourage students to ask further questions and do a class feedback.*

2. eating                                      3. to learn                                      4. watching                                      5. visiting  
6. to do    7. to visit

