

COMPREHENSION

1) Read the article and cross out the **WRONG** alternative (two answers are correct and one is incorrect).

1. George Washington

- a. is considered a hero.
- b. was elected president three times.
- c. was the first US president.

2. In 1848, election day was set on a specific day to suit the needs of

- a. a very religious population.
- b. farmers.
- c. politicians.

3. When Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected four times, he broke

- a. the law.
- b. an unwritten rule.
- c. the record of presidential terms.

4. The founders of the US

- a. didn't like kings.
- b. wanted to control who became president.
- c. decided nobody should be president more than two times.

5. The Electoral College

- a. must respect the popular vote.
- b. Has always respected the popular vote.
- c. elects the president of the United States.

6. The candidate who gets the most popular votes

- a. might lose the election.
- b. always becomes president.
- c. might receive less electoral votes than his main opponent.

7. Eugene Debbs

- a. became president in 1920 after receiving 900,000 votes.
- b. was not a Democrat or a Republican.
- c. was against the war.

8. Joe Biden is

- a. a Democrat.
- b. the current vice-president.
- c. competing against the current president.

9. Donald Trump and Joe Biden

- a. agree on many issues.
- b. have very different programmes.
- c. fought very hard against each other.

VOCABULARY

2) Complete the sentences with the following words. Put the verbs and nouns in the right form, if necessary.

to break with * incumbent * head of state * to differ * polling place * to suit * to outline * widespread * to plague * founder

1. A person who is currently holding a specific position, such as the position of president, is defined as _____ (incumbent).
2. Different countries have different _____ (heads of state): the UK has a queen, the US a president.
3. The Coronavirus pandemic is extremely _____ (widespread): it has reached every corner of the world.
4. Legend says that Romulus and Remus were the _____ (founders) of Rome.
5. We _____ (differ) on many political issues, but we agree that voting is important.
6. A _____ (polling place) or station, is a place where people cast their votes.
7. I am _____ (plagued) with doubt! Did I vote for the best candidate?
8. A politician should be intelligent, competent and care for the citizens. I think that our president does not _____ (suit) these qualifications.
9. You don't have to give me a detailed description of your book, just give me a simple _____ (outline).
10. I want to _____ (break with) my past – I want to start a new life!

GRAMMAR – PHRASAL VERBS

3) Complete the phrasal verbs with the right particle or preposition.

1. I am working _____ (at/on/with) a project about the American War of Independence.
2. George Washington passed _____ (away/up/around) on December 14, 1799, aged 67.
3. A politician needs to come _____ (with/on/up) with a good catch phrase for his campaign.
4. I hate it when he brings _____ (down/up/around) politics – I really don't like his views!
5. This is no time to mess _____ (around/down/away) – we need to be serious.
6. He turned _____ (after/up/down) your offer to become our class representative.
7. Hang _____ (on/at/down)! Don't go without me.
8. I am fed _____ (up/down/after) with studying! Please, let's take a break.
9. If you really believe in what you do, you should never give _____ (down/up/away)
10. For me, a good politician needs to look _____ (on/down/after) the poor.