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US election 2016: All you need to know

In January 2017, the most powerful <u>nation</u> on earth will have a new leader, after a <u>drawn out</u> and expensive campaign - but how does a US presidential election work?

When the US picks its president, it is not only choosing a head of state but a head of government and a commander-in-chief of the largest military on the planet. It's a big responsibility. So how does the process work?

Who can be president?

To run for president, you only need to be "a natural born" US citizen, at least 35 years old, and have been a resident for 14 years. One person * is **nominated** to represent the Republican and Democratic parties in the presidential election.

> * Common in news article: Passive voice:
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> verb to be + past participle

Why is it Hillary Clinton v Donald Trump?

There is a long and **complex** process for picking a presidential nominee. A series of elections are held in every state and overseas territory, starting in February, which **determine** who becomes each party's official presidential candidate. The candidates are formally confirmed in July at the party conventions. Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Donald Trump were the clear winners in 2016. They are two of the most unpopular candidates in modern American history.

> * Present perfect: have/has + past participle
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> Used quite a lot in this article

The big talking points of the campaign

There *has been **a slew of** controversies generated by Donald Trump, from the moment the New York businessman **launched** his campaign with the description of Mexican immigrants as "rapists and criminals". His candidacy has rarely gone a few weeks without ****sparking some uproar.** He's also had to defend his refusal not to release his tax returns plus **field** questions surrounding his charitable foundation.

> ** start or fire public expression of protest or outrage

Hillary Clinton has had her share of **anxious** moments, too. The damage wrought by her private email arrangement to her reputation is thought to be significant. Questions have also been raised about the foreign donations to the Clinton Foundation.
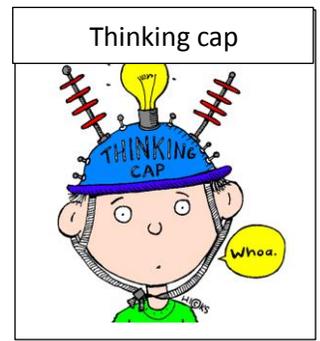
The two big October surprises

> ** shock

The biggest bombshell ****to jolt** the Trump campaign came on 7 October with the publication of a video from 2005 in which he refers to women in sexually offensive terms. The furore forced him to issue an apology. Then, just 11 days before election day, the FBI announced it had found more emails "**pertinent**" to the Clinton email investigation.

When does the new president start work?

Votes are cast on **Tuesday, 8 November**, but under the US constitution, the president is not inaugurated until 20 January of the year following the election.

1. Questions to think about:

- Why is it important for the world to have a good US president?
  - What do you think it takes to be a good leader of a country?
- Why do you think the Hillary and Trump are unpopular?
- What is it important to vote?

2. I: Vocabulary and understanding meaning

Match the meaning and/or synonym (words with a similar or the same meaning) to the words which have been highlighted in bold in the article.

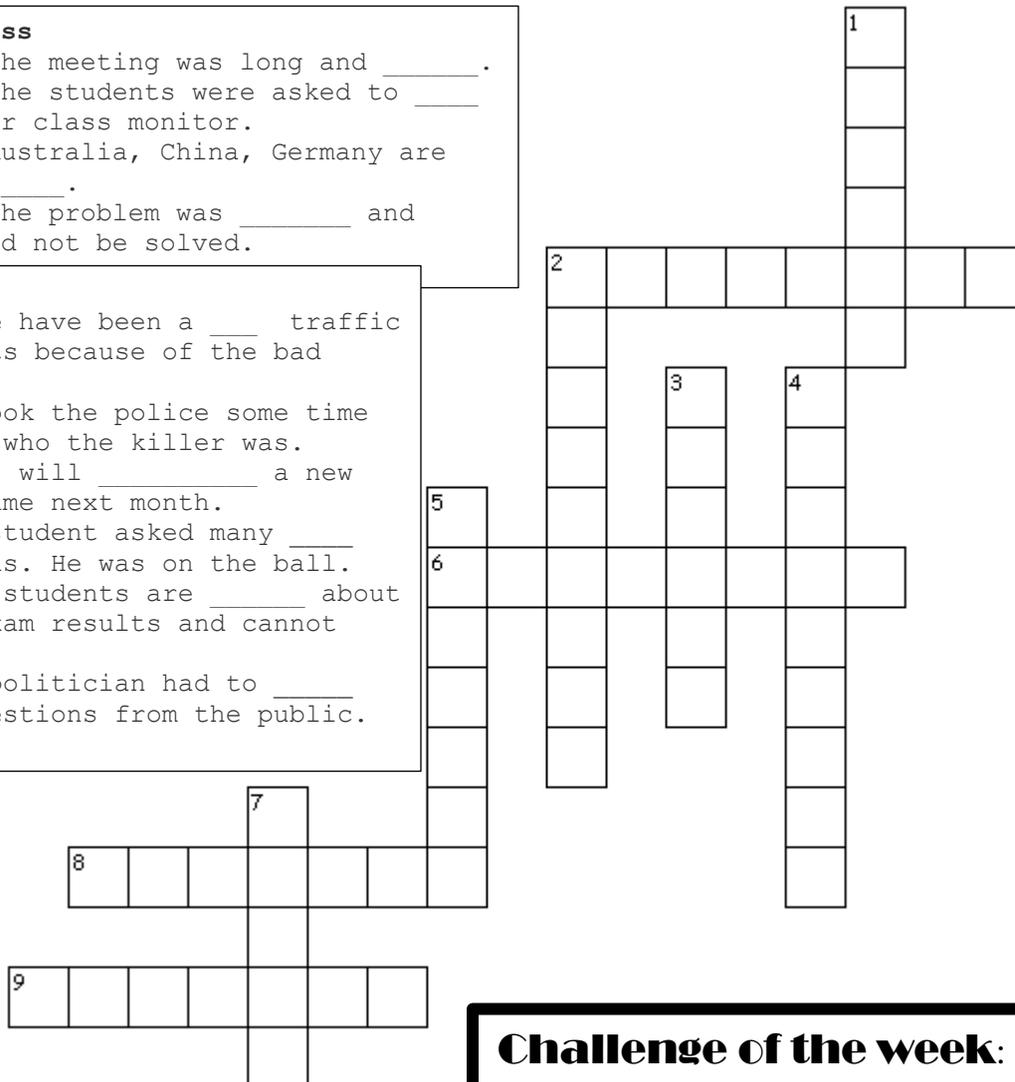| Column A: Word from text	Letter	Column B: Meaning or synonym
1. nation (n)		A: many/a large number or quantity
2. draw(n) out (phrasal verb)		B: answer (a difficult question)
3. nominate (v)		C: country
4. complex (adj)		D: worrying
5. determine (v)		E: long
6. a slew of (n)		F: relevant
7. launch(ed) (v)		G: decide
8. field (v)		H: complicated
9. anxious (adj)		I: choose or select
10. pertinent (adj)		J: start or set in motion

II: Usage of vocabulary: *Using the vocabulary from the table in Part I, using the clues fill in the crossword. Make sure you use the correct part of speech i*

Across
2. The meeting was long and _____.
6. The students were asked to _____ their class monitor.
8. Australia, China, Germany are all _____.
9. The problem was _____ and could not be solved.

Down
1. There have been a ___ traffic accidents because of the bad weather.
2. It took the police some time to _____ who the killer was.
3. Sony will _____ a new video game next month.
4. The student asked many _____ questions. He was on the ball.
5. Many students are _____ about their exam results and cannot sleep.
7. The politician had to _____ many questions from the public.

Challenge of the week: First 5 students to complete this crossword and see me can win prizes.