

## BARACK OBAMA

### LISTENING GAP FILL

Barack Obama is the 44th President of the United States of America. \_\_\_\_\_ the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize. He made history in 2008 when he won the U.S. presidential election. He is the first African American to be President. Obama's \_\_\_\_\_ powerful speeches \_\_\_\_\_ popular with many Americans. He has been very successful \_\_\_\_\_.

Obama was born in Hawaii in 1961 to a black Kenyan father and white American mother. \_\_\_\_\_ and his mother married an Indonesian man. Barack's \_\_\_\_\_ Indonesia in 1967. He \_\_\_\_\_ Jakarta until he was ten years old, when he returned to Hawaii. Obama \_\_\_\_\_ science and international relations at Columbia University in New York.

\_\_\_\_\_ New York, Obama moved to Chicago. There, he worked as the director of \_\_\_\_\_ from 1985 to 1988. He entered Harvard Law School and became the first \_\_\_\_\_ the Harvard Law Review. Obama \_\_\_\_\_ University of Chicago Law School for twelve years. He became an Illinois Senator in 1996.

In 2004, Obama \_\_\_\_\_ Senator. He supported legislation on conservation, energy, immigration and honest leadership. Obama is \_\_\_\_\_ serious issues such as the economy. He beat Mitt Romney to win a \_\_\_\_\_, despite a poor economy and high unemployment. He thanked voters by promising to spend his second term \_\_\_\_\_, saying: "There's a lot more work to do."

### SYNONYM MATCH

Match the words from the article on the left with their synonyms on the right. Are your answers the same as other students'?

#### Paragraphs 1 and 2

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| 1. United States of America | a. very       |
| 2. charisma                 | b. relocated  |
| 3. extremely                | c. charm      |
| 4. divorced                 | d. went to    |
| 5. moved                    | e. the States |
| 6. attended                 | f. separated  |

#### Paragraphs 3 and 4

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| 7. project      | g. lectured in    |
| 8. entered      | h. time in office |
| 9. taught       | i. programme      |
| 10. legislation | j. presently      |
| 11. currently   | k. enrolled in    |
| 12. term        | l. laws           |

## DONALD TRUMP

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Donald John Trump is an American businessman (1) \_\_\_\_\_. He is also the 45th President of the United States of America. He was the chairman and president of The Trump Organization, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ his real estate and other business interests. He (3) \_\_\_\_\_ towers, hotels, casinos and golf courses all over the world. He (4) \_\_\_\_\_ a reality TV show and owned beauty pageants.

Donald J. Trump was born on June 14, 1946. (5) \_\_\_\_\_ New York City, the second youngest (6) \_\_\_\_\_ children. He studied at the University of Pennsylvania and received a bachelor's degree in economics. In 1971 he was given (7) \_\_\_\_\_ father's real estate and construction firm and later renamed it The Trump Organization. His (8) \_\_\_\_\_ businessman made him a billionaire.

Donald Trump has had (9) \_\_\_\_\_ career. He owned the Miss USA beauty pageants from 1996 to 2015. He (10) \_\_\_\_\_ appearances in movies and television series and hosted (11) \_\_\_\_\_ show from 2004 to 2015. In 2016, the wealth and business magazine Forbes (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the 324th wealthiest person in the world.

In June 2015, Trump (13) \_\_\_\_\_ his candidacy for President. He defeated his (14) \_\_\_\_\_ to become the Republican Party candidate and promised to "make America great again". He won the presidential election on November 8, 2016, (15) \_\_\_\_\_ the Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton. He (16) \_\_\_\_\_ office on January 20, 2017. At 70 years, 7 months and 6 days, he was the oldest person to do so.

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| 1. businessman  | a. shows        |
| 2. real estate  | b. building     |
| 3. pageants     | c. brought up   |
| 4. raised       | d. entrepreneur |
| 5. construction | e. company      |
| 6. firm         | f. property     |

#### *Paragraphs 3 and 4*

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| 7. varied     | g. ranked    |
| 8. hosted     | h. diverse   |
| 9. listed     | i. contender |
| 10. announced | j. presented |
| 11. candidate | k. beating   |
| 12. defeating | l. declared  |