

Kamala Harris to be first woman Vice President

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Kamala Harris is the U.S. Vice President-elect. The major television networks in the USA have announced that Joe Biden has won the 2020 U.S. Election. They said Mr Biden has 279 votes in the Electoral College, which

is enough for him to be elected as America's 46th President. Ms Harris will be the first woman in U.S. history to hold the post of Vice President. She will also be the first black American and the first of South Asian descent to hold the post. Harris, 56, simply tweeted: "We did it, Joe Biden." She added: "This election is about so much more than Joe Biden or me. It's about the soul of America and our willingness to fight for it. We have a lot of work ahead of us. Let's get started."

Kamala Harris has been a rising star in the Democratic Party for the last two decades. She served as California's attorney general before becoming a US senator. She ran to become the nominee for the 2020 Democratic presidential campaign but lost to Joe Biden. However, Mr Biden chose her as his running mate. They will be sworn in as President and Vice President on January 20. Jemele Hill, writing in the Atlantic magazine, said: "Harris' ascent to the vice-presidency is certainly a reflection of what's possible. She has accomplished something that no other black woman has. I can't help but daydream about Harris someday stepping one level up to the presidency."

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Writing

Kamala Harris will greatly change many people's lives. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

Vice President / television / networks / election / history / American / fight / work / a rising star / attorney general / campaign / running mate / possible / daydream

True / False

- a) Kamala Harris is the President-elect of the USA. T / F
- b) The article says Joe Biden won over 279 Electoral College votes. T / F
- c) Kamala Harris will be the first woman to serve as Vice President. T / F
- d) Kamala Harris said the election was about the soul of America. T / F
- e) Kamala Harris has served the Democrats for over 30 years. T / F
- f) Kamala Harris is a former attorney general. T / F
- g) Kamala Harris chose Joe Biden to be her running mate. T / F
- h) A magazine hoped that one day Kamala Harris would be President. T / F

Synonym Match

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

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| 1. major | a. spirit |
| 2. announced | b. candidate |
| 3. post | c. achieved |
| 4. soul | d. big |
| 5. ahead | e. job |
| 6. star | f. in front |
| 7. nominee | g. rise |
| 8. ascent | h. declared |
| 9. accomplished | i. step |
| 10. level | j. big name |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you know about Kamala Harris?
- b) What do you think of the US election result?
- c) What does a Vice President do?
- d) Do you think Kamala Harris should do as Vice President?
- e) How happy are you with your country's leaders?
- f) What is the soul of America?
- g) What work does Kamala Harris have ahead of her?
- h) What advice do you have for Kamala Harris?

Phrase Match

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| 1. The major television | a. much more |
| 2. the first of South Asian | b. ahead of us |
| 3. This election is about so | c. as President |
| 4. It's about the soul | d. star |
| 5. We have a lot of work | e. up to the presidency |
| 6. Kamala Harris has been a rising | f. networks in the USA |
| 7. attorney | g. daydream |
| 8. sworn in | h. descent |
| 9. I can't help but | i. general |
| 10. stepping one level | j. of America |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- Do you think Kamala Harris will be sworn in on January 20?
- What can Kamala Harris do to be a role model?
- What three adjectives best describe Kamala Harris?
- What is possible for you in life?
- What do you daydream about?
- What kind of president would Kamala Harris be?
- What questions would you like to ask Kamala Harris?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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

Role Play

Role A – Love

You think love is the best thing to daydream about. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): travel, speaking English or food.

Role B – Travel

You think travel is the best thing to daydream about. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): love, speaking English or food.

Role C – Speaking English

You think speaking English is the best thing to daydream about. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): travel, love or food.

Role D – Food

You think food is the best thing to daydream about. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): travel, speaking English or love.

Speaking – Daydreams

Rank these with your partner. Put the best things to daydream about at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • The future | • Love |
| • Speaking English | • Money |
| • Driving | • Travel |
| • Work | • Food |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.