

1 People involved in elections

Match the people below with what they do.

1. a presidential candidate	a. a candidate for vice president (in the US)
2. a running mate	b. a person who assists voters during elections
3. a president-elect	c. a person who has won a presidential election but is not yet the official president
4. the first lady	d. a PR specialist who tries to maintain a candidate's positive image in the media
5. a campaign manager	e. someone who competes in an election to become president
6. a spin doctor	f. someone who favours a certain candidate
7. an election clerk	g. the candidate who is leading during an election
8. a front runner	h. the person responsible for planning a candidate's campaign
9. a supporter	i. the wife of the president

2 Election day

In pairs, complete the sentences below with the following words.

ballot card	election results	high turnout
voting booth	polling station	votes

1. At the end of an election, the _____ are counted, and a winner is determined.
2. The voting process takes place at a _____.
3. If there is a _____ at an election, many people voted.
4. Voting is secret because nobody can look inside the _____.
5. When the _____ are announced, everybody knows who officially won.
6. During an election, voters tick their favourite candidate on a _____.

3**Collocations with 'election'**

Complete the sentences with the verbs below. Use a dictionary where necessary.

boycott
rig

call
stand for

postpone
held

1. Elections are usually held every four years.
2. The Prime Minister decided to _____ an election early because he was confident of winning.
3. The opposition didn't agree with the result. They accused the government of trying to _____ the election.
4. The government decided to _____ the election to a later date.
5. The opposition party decided to _____ the election in protest against the government's tactics.
6. The former president became popular again, so his advisers persuaded him to _____ election.