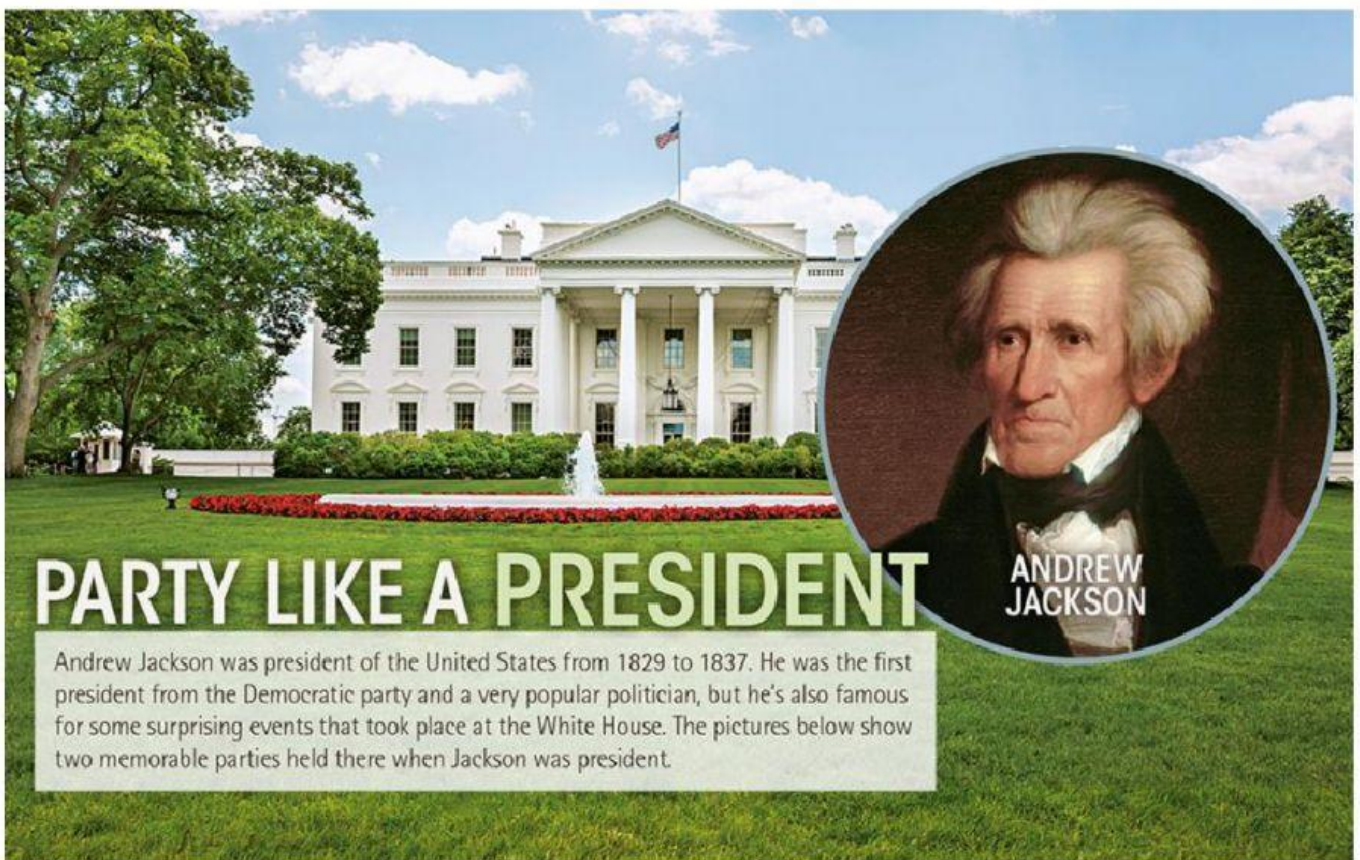


UNIT 2 B

READING EXERCISE

Read the text in more detail. Look at the sentences and write: *1829 party*, *1837 party*, or *both*.

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| 1 There was food at the party. _____ | 4 Jackson didn't stay until the end. _____ |
| 2 Some guests caused damage. _____ | 5 Jackson received a strange present. _____ |
| 3 All the guests had a good time. _____ | 6 The guests ate in the gardens. _____ |

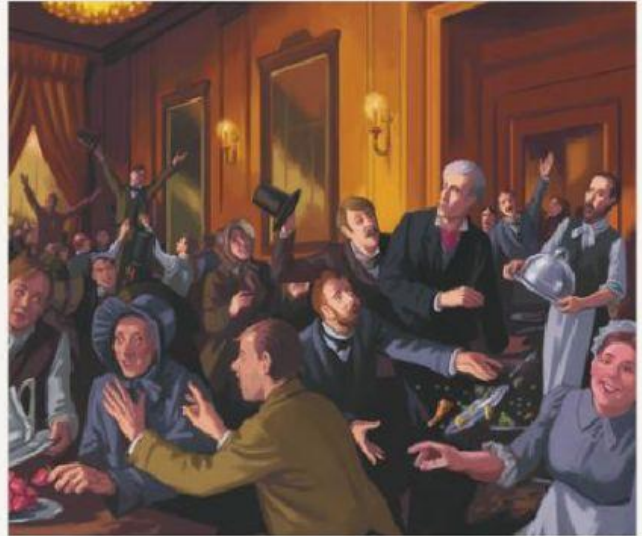


PARTY LIKE A PRESIDENT

Andrew Jackson was president of the United States from 1829 to 1837. He was the first president from the Democratic party and a very popular politician, but he's also famous for some surprising events that took place at the White House. The pictures below show two memorable parties held there when Jackson was president.

THE 1829 CELEBRATIONS

On March 4, 1829, when Jackson became president, he invited his supporters to visit the White House, and thousands of people followed him to his new home. At first, the crowd waited in the gardens, but they were very excited and soon pushed their way inside. After that, the party got out of control. People stood on tables and chairs, broke glasses, and some even fell down and hurt themselves. Jackson escaped through a window and went to a nearby hotel, but his staff stayed because they were worried about the building. In the end, they put lots of food on tables in the gardens and the hungry guests followed them outside to eat the food. The White House was safe ... for the moment!



THE LAST PARTY, 1837

Eight years later, a farmer gave the president an enormous cheese, which weighed over 600 kg. Jackson didn't know what to do with it; he couldn't eat it himself, but then he had an idea. He decided to have another party to celebrate the end of his presidency. In February 1837, thousands of guests arrived and started to eat the only thing on the menu—the cheese. After just two hours, he checked and it was gone. Everyone was very happy, but the expensive carpets in the White House were covered with smelly cheese. This time, Jackson wasn't worried about the mess. He left the White House two weeks later, and the next president, Martin van Buren, was very annoyed because the building still smelled of cheese!



Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

after after that later then

- 1 ... they soon pushed their way inside. _____, the party got out of control.
- 2 Eight years _____, a farmer gave the president an enormous cheese.
- 3 Jackson didn't know what to do with it; he couldn't eat it himself, but _____ he had an idea.
- 4 _____ just two hours, he checked and it was gone.