

1**People involved in elections**

Match the people below with what they do.

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| 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

polling station

votes

voting booth

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 _____.

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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.