



Before listening

descent - the origin of people, especially nationality

willingness - the state of being ready to do something

a nominee - someone who has been officially suggested for an important position

to be sworn in (to swear-swore-sworn) - when someone makes an official promise that he/she will do their duty/job well

jascent - the process of becoming more powerful or successful

reflection - an image that you can see in the mirror

ascent - the process of becoming more powerful or successful

to daydream - to think about something pleasant when it makes you forget about all the rest

1. Mark _____ and didn't hear the teacher's question.
2. His _____ to presidency was quite quick.
3. Sixteen winners were chosen out of 500 _____.
4. The child's behaviour is a direct _____ of his/her parents' behaviour.
5. He showed no _____ to compromise.
6. The new governor will be _____ next week.
7. Their mother is of Irish _____.

Match the synonyms

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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 |

Match the sentences halves

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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 |

Listen to the news again and choose the correct answer

1) Who does the article say announced the news that Joe Biden had won?

- a) major television networks
- b) the Internet
- c) the Washington Post
- d) Donald Trump

2) How many Electoral College votes does the article say Joe Biden won?

- a) 277
- b) 278
- c) 279
- d) 280

3) How many U.S. Presidents have there been?

- a) 44
- b) 45
- c) 46
- d) 43

4) How old is Kamala Harris?

- a) 52
- b) 65
- c) 50
- d) 56

5) What did Kamala Harris say was ahead of her?

- a) a lot of work
- b) brighter times
- c) a great future
- d) hard times

6) What kind of star does the article describe Kamala Harris as being?

- a) a shining star
- b) a bright star
- c) a shooting star
- d) a rising star

7) What was Kamala Harris' job before she became a senator?

- a) journalist
- b) attorney general
- c) lawyer
- d) professor

8) When will Kamala Harris be sworn in as Vice President?

- a) January 21
- b) January 22
- c) January 19
- d) January 20

9) What is the name of the magazine that wrote about Kamala Harris?

- a) Pacific
- b) Arctic
- c) Atlantic
- d) Indian

10) What did a magazine write say she couldn't help doing?

- a) write
- b) daydream
- c) smile
- d) plan