THE READING / TAPESCRPT

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249 words
**SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the words from the article on the left with their synonyms on the right. Are your answers the same as other students’?

**Paragraphs 1 and 2**
1. United States of America
   - a. very
   - b. relocated
   - c. charm
   - d. went to
   - e. the States
   - f. separated
2. charisma
   - a. very
   - b. relocated
   - c. charm
   - d. went to
   - e. the States
   - f. separated
3. extremely
   - a. very
   - b. relocated
   - c. charm
   - d. went to
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   - f. separated
4. divorced
   - a. very
   - b. relocated
   - c. charm
   - d. went to
   - e. the States
   - f. separated
5. moved
   - a. very
   - b. relocated
   - c. charm
   - d. went to
   - e. the States
   - f. separated
6. attended
   - a. very
   - b. relocated
   - c. charm
   - d. went to
   - e. the States
   - f. separated

**Paragraphs 3 and 4**
7. project
   - g. lectured in
   - h. time in office
   - i. programme
   - j. presently
   - k. enrolled in
   - l. laws
8. entered
   - g. lectured in
   - h. time in office
   - i. programme
   - j. presently
   - k. enrolled in
   - l. laws
9. taught
   - g. lectured in
   - h. time in office
   - i. programme
   - j. presently
   - k. enrolled in
   - l. laws
10. legislation
    - g. lectured in
    - h. time in office
    - i. programme
    - j. presently
    - k. enrolled in
    - l. laws
11. currently
    - g. lectured in
    - h. time in office
    - i. programme
    - j. presently
    - k. enrolled in
    - l. laws
12. term
    - g. lectured in
    - h. time in office
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**PHRASE MATCH:** Match the following phrases from the article.

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   - b. with serious issues
   - c. on conservation
   - d. of the United States
   - e. high unemployment
   - f. 2009 Nobel Peace Prize
   - g. to Indonesia in 1967
   - h. Harvard Law Review
   - i. and international relations
   - j. of a community project
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   - b. with serious issues
   - c. on conservation
   - d. of the United States
   - e. high unemployment
   - f. 2009 Nobel Peace Prize
   - g. to Indonesia in 1967
   - h. Harvard Law Review
   - i. and international relations
   - j. of a community project
5. Obama majored in political science
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   - c. on conservation
   - d. of the United States
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SPELLING:
These jumbled words are from the text. Spell them correctly.

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SCRAMBLED SENTENCES
With your partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. is States the President America of the Obama United of 44th
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2. also is He Prize Peace Nobel 2009 the of winner the.
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3. his with successful very been has He message
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4. family to in Barack’s moved Indonesia 1967
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5. Obama political majored science in
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6. as community the project director he of worked a
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7. He an Senator 1996 became Illinois in
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8. Senator was a as U.S. Obama elected
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9. legislation conservation on supported He
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10. a do more There's work lot . to
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BARACK OBAMA DISCUSSION:

STUDENT A’s QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What do you know about Barack Obama?
2. Would you like to meet Barack Obama?
3. What would you like to know about Barack Obama and why?
4. _______________________________________________________
5. _______________________________________________________
6. _______________________________________________________
7. _______________________________________________________
8. _______________________________________________________

BARACK OBAMA DISCUSSION:

STUDENT B’s QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. What did you learn from this text about Barack Obama?
2. What questions would you like to ask Barack Obama?
3. What would his answers be to those questions?
4. _______________________________________________________
5. _______________________________________________________
6. _______________________________________________________
7. _______________________________________________________
8. _______________________________________________________
**BARACK OBAMA SURVEY:**

Write five questions about Barack Obama in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

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Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.
WRITING:
Write about Barack Obama for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other’s work.

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HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google’s search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about Barack Obama. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. BARACK OBAMA POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Barack Obama. Show your poster to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all find out similar things?

4. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Barack Obama. Include an imaginary interview with him. Write about what he does every day and what he thinks about.
Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to Barack Obama. Ask him three questions about his life. Give him three suggestions on what he should do in his future. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your “Barack Obama expert” partner(s) will try and answer your questions.
ANSWERS

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ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.