

World leaders have mixed reactions to Trump victory

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World leaders have congratulated Donald Trump on his surprise win in the U.S. Presidential election on Tuesday. Other leaders were a little less warm. Mr Trump defeated his rival Hillary Clinton to become the USA's 45th President. He will take office on January 20, 2017. He will then be aged 70 years, 7 months and 6 days. This means he will be the oldest

person to become President. In his victory speech, Mr Trump told Americans: "Working together, we will begin the urgent task of rebuilding our nation and renewing the American dream. [We will] have the strongest economy anywhere in the world. At the same time, we will get along with all other nations willing to get along with us."

Russia's president Vladimir Putin was among the first to congratulate Mr Trump. He said: "We are ready to do our part to return Russian-American relations to a stable path of development." China said it looked forward to working, "in a constructive way that avoided conflict and confrontation". Mexican President Pena Nieto said: "Mexico and the United States are friends, partners and allies and we should keep collaborating." France's President Francois Hollande said the result, "opens a period of uncertainty". Germany's Justice Minister tweeted: "The world won't end, but things will get more crazy." Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said: "Hand in hand with Mr Trump, we will try to work together."

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Writing

Donald Trump will be good for America and the world. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

world leaders / surprise / rival / take office / President / victory speech / dream / ready / relations / development / constructive / conflict / collaborating / crazy

True / False

- The article says Donald Trump's win was no surprise. T / F
- Donald Trump will become the USA's 45th President. T / F
- Donald Trump will be the oldest person to become U.S. President. T / F
- Mr Trump says he will make America the world's strongest economy. T / F
- Vladimir Putin was the first person to congratulate Donald Trump. T / F
- Mexico's president said the US and Mexico should stop collaborating. T / F
- France's leader said he was happy the future is now more certain. T / F
- Japan's leader said he would work hand in hand with Mr Trump. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. win | a. secure |
| 2. a little | b. beat |
| 3. defeated | c. time |
| 4. speech | d. slightly |
| 5. willing | e. one of |
| 6. among | f. prepared |
| 7. stable | g. victory |
| 8. avoid | h. mad |
| 9. period | i. stay away from |
| 10. crazy | j. talk |

Discussion – Student A

- What did you think of the election campaign?
- What will Donald Trump do as president?
- How will the USA get along with other countries from now?
- How important is it to be friends with the USA?
- In what way might things 'get more crazy'?
- What do you think of Donald Trump?
- How will the USA be different in four years from now?
- What questions would you like to ask Donald Trump?

Phrase Match

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| 1. World leaders have | a. speech |
| 2. take | b. uncertainty |
| 3. victory | c. dream |
| 4. renewing the American | d. the first |
| 5. nations willing to get | e. and allies |
| 6. Putin was among | f. office |
| 7. We are ready to do | g. more crazy |
| 8. friends, partners | h. our part |
| 9. a period of | i. along with us |
| 10. things will get | j. congratulated Donald Trump |

Discussion – Student B

- What did you think of the US election result?
- What do you know about Donald Trump?
- Do you think Donald Trump will be a good president?
- What do you think of a country's leader being 70 years old?
- What is the American dream?
- What does Mr Trump need to do to make America great again?
- How does your country get along with America?
- What advice do you have for Donald Trump?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

1. g	2. d	3. b	4. j	5. f
6. e	7. a	8. i	9. c	10. h

Role Play

Role A – Democracy

You think democracy is the best thing about America. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as great. Also, tell the others which is the least great of these (and why): free speech, people or nature.

Role B – Free Speech

You think free speech is the best thing about America. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as great. Also, tell the others which is the least great of these (and why): democracy, people or nature.

Role C – People

You think people are the best things about America. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as great. Also, tell the others which is the least great of these (and why): free speech, democracy or nature.

Role D – Nature

You think nature is the best thing about America. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as great. Also, tell the others which is the least great of these (and why): free speech, people or democracy.

Speaking – America

Rank these with your partner. Put the best things about the USA at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • democracy | • food |
| • freedom | • people |
| • Hollywood | • free speech |
| • sports | • nature |

Answers – True False

a	F	b	T	c	T	d	T	e	F	f	F	g	F	h	T
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.