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**Level 2 – 9th November, 2020**

## **Kamala Harris to be first woman Vice President**

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**Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

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Kamala Harris is the U.S. Vice President-elect. Television networks in the USA announced Joe Biden's victory in the 2020 election. Mr Biden has 279 votes in the Electoral College. This is enough to be elected as America's 46th President. Ms Harris will be the first woman, the first black American and the first of South Asian descent to hold the post. Harris, 56, simply tweeted: "We did it, Joe Biden." She added: "This election is about so much more than Joe Biden or me. It's about the soul of America and our willingness to fight for it. We have a lot of work ahead of us. Let's get started."

Kamala Harris has worked in the Democratic Party for two decades. She was California's attorney general before becoming a US senator. Joe Biden chose her as his running mate for this election. They will be sworn in as President and Vice President on January 20, 2021. The Atlantic magazine said: "Harris' ascent to the vice-presidency is certainly a reflection of what's possible. She has accomplished something that no other black woman has. I can't help but daydream about Harris someday stepping one level up to the presidency."

Sources: <https://www.thenationalnews.com/world/the-americas/kamala-harris-america-s-first-woman-vice-president-1.1107375>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Television                | a. descent to hold the post |
| 2. Mr Biden has 279 votes in | b. started                  |
| 3. This is enough to         | c. of America               |
| 4. the first of South Asian  | d. the Electoral College    |
| 5. It's about the soul       | e. ahead of us              |
| 6. our willingness           | f. networks in the USA      |
| 7. We have a lot of work     | g. to fight for it          |
| 8. Let's get                 | h. be elected               |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. worked in the Democratic Party | a. other black woman has |
| 2. California's attorney          | b. in                    |
| 3. They will be sworn             | c. possible              |
| 4. Harris' ascent to              | d. up to the presidency  |
| 5. a reflection of what's         | e. for two decades       |
| 6. accomplished something that no | f. daydream              |
| 7. I can't help but               | g. general               |
| 8. stepping one level             | h. the vice-presidency   |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(2) \_\_\_\_\_ 2020 election. Mr Biden has 279 votes

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(3) \_\_\_\_\_ America's 46th President. Ms Harris will

be the first woman, the first black American and the first of South

Asian (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the post. Harris, 56, simply

tweeted: "We did it, Joe Biden." She added: "This election is about

(5) \_\_\_\_\_ than Joe Biden or me. It's about the

soul of America and our willingness to fight for it. We have a lot of

(6) \_\_\_\_\_ us. Let's get started."

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(7) \_\_\_\_\_. She was California's

(8) \_\_\_\_\_ becoming a US senator. Joe Biden chose

her as his (9) \_\_\_\_\_ this election. They will be

sworn in as President and Vice President on January 20, 2021. The

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presidency is certainly (11) \_\_\_\_\_ what's possible.

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# KAMALA HARRIS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201109-kamala-harris-2.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Kamala Harris in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

