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Biden vows to repair global alliances

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210122-joe-biden.html>

Joe Biden has promised to re-establish global alliances in his first speech as U.S. President. Mr Biden was sworn in as the 46th U.S. President on Wednesday amid tight security in Washington. In unprecedented scenes, around 25,000 National Guard troops were positioned to make sure the inauguration took place without incident. In the first days of his presidency, Mr Biden will make several executive orders to change the direction of America's foreign policy. He will rejoin the Paris climate accord. Biden spoke about restoring America's reputation overseas. He said: "America has been tested. And we've come out stronger for it. We will repair our alliances and engage with the world once again."

Outgoing President Donald Trump left office vowing to "be back". His parting words to the American public were: "Have a good life, we will see you soon." Mr Trump broke with tradition by not attending his successor's inauguration. In his farewell speech, Mr Trump said: "This has been an incredible four years. We've accomplished so much together. What we've done has been amazing by any standard." He added: "It's been a great honour and privilege to be your president. I will always fight for you....I wish the new administration great luck and great success. I think they will have great success. They have the foundation to do something really spectacular."

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WARM-UPS

1. JOE BIDEN: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Joe Biden. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

global / alliance / security / unprecedented / inauguration / presidency / reputation / office / parting words / a good life / tradition / accomplish / privilege / luck / success

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. SUCCESS: Students A **strongly** believe Joe Biden's administration will be successful; Students B **strongly** believe it won't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: What do you know about these U.S. Presidents? How good were they? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What You Know	How Good Were They?
Donald Trump		
Barack Obama		
George W Bush		
John F. Kennedy		
Abraham Lincoln		
George Washington		

5. PRESIDENT: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "president". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. POLICY: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important policy areas at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Foreign policy
- Healthcare
- Law and Order
- Environment
- Homeland Security
- Education
- Taxation
- Social Welfare

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| 1. alliances | a. The beliefs or opinions that are generally held about someone or something. |
| 2. sworn in | b. Admitted to a particular office or position by asking them to take a formal oath (promise). |
| 3. unprecedented | c. The formal admission of someone to office (especially as president). |
| 4. inauguration | d. A union formed between countries or organizations to benefit everyone. |
| 5. incident | e. Participate or become involved in. |
| 6. reputation | f. Never done or known before. |
| 7. engage | g. An event or occurrence. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 8. vowing | h. Achieved or completed successfully. |
| 9. parting | i. A person that takes over from another. |
| 10. successor | j. An underlying basis or principle. |
| 11. accomplished | k. Solemnly promising to do a specified thing. |
| 12. privilege | l. The action of leaving. |
| 13. foundation | m. Strikingly large or obvious. |
| 14. spectacular | n. Something thought of as a rare opportunity and bringing particular pleasure. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210122-joe-biden.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. Joe Biden promised to re-establish global alliances in his second speech. **T / F**
- b. There were nearly 20,000 National Guard troops at the inauguration. **T / F**
- c. Joe Biden said he would rejoin the Paris climate accord. **T / F**
- d. Joe Biden said America had yet to be tested. **T / F**
- e. Donald Trump told people to have a good life. **T / F**
- f. Donald Trump did not attend Joe Biden's inauguration. **T / F**
- g. Donald Trump said he would continue to fight for people. **T / F**
- h. Donald Trump thinks Biden's administration will be successful. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1. promised | a. impressive |
| 2. amid | b. drama |
| 3. unprecedented | c. good name |
| 4. incident | d. farewell |
| 5. reputation | e. surrounded by |
| 6. parting words | f. achieved |
| 7. tradition | g. vowed |
| 8. accomplished | h. basis |
| 9. foundation | i. unheard of |
| 10. spectacular | j. custom |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|---------------------|
| 1. amid tight | a. words |
| 2. the inauguration took place without | b. tradition |
| 3. change the direction of America's | c. world once again |
| 4. restoring America's reputation | d. spectacular |
| 5. engage with the | e. incident |
| 6. His parting | f. and privilege |
| 7. Mr Trump broke with | g. security |
| 8. We've accomplished | h. overseas |
| 9. It's been a great honour | i. so much |
| 10. do something really | j. foreign policy |

GAP FILL

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incident
climate
sworn
repair
positioned
reputation
tight
executive

Outgoing President Donald Trump left office (9) _____ to "be back". His parting words to the American public were: "Have a good life, we will see you soon." Mr Trump (10) _____ with tradition by not attending his successor's inauguration. In his (11) _____ speech, Mr Trump said: "This has been an incredible four years. We've (12) _____ so much together. What we've done has been amazing by any (13) _____." He added: "It's been a great honour and (14) _____ to be your president. I will always fight for you....I wish the new (15) _____ great luck and great success. I think they will have great success. They have the foundation to do something really (16) _____."

farewell
privilege
accomplished
spectacular
vowing
administration
broke
standard

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210122-joe-biden.html>

- 1) Joe Biden has promised to re-establish global alliances in _____
 - a. his first speak
 - b. his first beseech
 - c. his first screech
 - d. his first speech
- 2) President on Wednesday amid tight security in Washington. In _____
 - a. unprecedented schemes
 - b. unprecedented scenes
 - c. unprecedented scene
 - d. unprecedented seen
- 3) positioned to make sure the inauguration took _____
 - a. place without incidence
 - b. place without in accident
 - c. place without incident
 - d. place without incitement
- 4) rejoin the Paris climate accord. Biden spoke about restoring _____
 - a. America's reap action overseas
 - b. America's reputation overseas
 - c. America's reputation over the seas
 - d. America's reputation overseen
- 5) we've come out stronger for it. We will repair our alliances and _____ world
 - a. enrage with the
 - b. end game with the
 - c. a gauge with the
 - d. engage with the
- 6) Mr Trump broke with tradition by not attending his _____
 - a. successor inauguration
 - b. successive inauguration
 - c. successor's inauguration
 - d. succession inauguration
- 7) What we've done has been amazing _____
 - a. by any standard
 - b. by many standard
 - c. biannual standard
 - d. be any standard
- 8) He added: "It's been a great _____"
 - a. honour end privilege
 - b. honey and privilege
 - c. honour and privilege
 - d. honey and privileged
- 9) I wish the new administration great luck _____
 - a. and grate success
 - b. and greet success
 - c. and great success
 - d. and graft success
- 10) I think they will have great success. They have the foundation to do _____
 - a. something really spectacular
 - b. something real speculative
 - c. something rally spectacular
 - d. something really speculative

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Outgoing President Donald Trump (7) _____ to "be back". His parting words to the American public were: "Have a good life, we will see you soon." Mr Trump (8) _____ by not attending his successor's inauguration. In (9) _____, Mr Trump said: "This has been an incredible four years. We've accomplished so much together. What we've done has been amazing (10) _____." He added: "It's been a great (11) _____ to be your president. I will always fight for you....I wish the new administration great luck and great success. I think they will have great success. They have the (12) _____ something really spectacular."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210122-joe-biden.html>

1. What did Joe Biden say he would re-establish?
2. How many National Guard troops were in Washington?
3. How many executive orders does the article say Biden will make?
4. What does Joe Biden want to restore?
5. Who did Joe Biden say he would engage with?
6. What did Donald Trump vow he would do?
7. What did Donald Trump break with?
8. What did Donald Trump say he'd accomplished?
9. What did Mr Trump say being president was besides an honour?
10. What did Donald Trump say the new administration could do?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210122-joe-biden.html>

- 1) What did Joe Biden say he would re-establish?
 - a) his faith
 - b) global alliances
 - c) democracy
 - d) trust
- 2) How many National Guards were in Washington?
 - a) just fewer than 25,000
 - b) exactly 25,000
 - c) just over 25,000
 - d) around 25,000
- 3) How many executive orders does the article say Biden will make?
 - a) dozens
 - b) a few
 - c) several
 - d) 11
- 4) What does Joe Biden want to restore?
 - a) America's reputation
 - b) his Internet connection
 - c) trust
 - d) democracy
- 5) Who did Joe Biden say he would engage with?
 - a) his party
 - b) the world
 - c) China
 - d) Kim Jong-un
- 6) What did Donald Trump vow he would do?
 - a) be back
 - b) run for President
 - c) retire
 - d) start a TV station
- 7) What did Donald Trump break with?
 - a) the past
 - b) the Republican Party
 - c) tradition
 - d) Washington DC
- 8) What did Donald Trump say he'd accomplished?
 - a) so much
 - b) loads
 - c) unbelievable amounts
 - d) a tremendous job
- 9) What did Mr Trump say being president was besides an honour?
 - a) a tremendous memory
 - b) a duty
 - c) tough
 - d) a privilege
- 10) What did Donald Trump say the new administration could do?
 - a) not a lot
 - b) loads
 - c) something really spectacular
 - d) less well than he did

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210122-joe-biden.html>

Role A – Foreign Policy

You think foreign policy is the most important thing for governments to focus on. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): homeland security, the environment or education.

Role B – Homeland Security

You think homeland security is the most important thing for governments to focus on. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): foreign policy, the environment or education.

Role C – The Environment

You think the environment is the most important thing for governments to focus on. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): homeland security, foreign policy or education.

Role D – Education

You think education is the most important thing for governments to focus on. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): homeland security, the environment or foreign policy.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210122-joe-biden.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'global' and 'alliance'.

global	alliance
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• first• tight• without• several• rejoin• stronger	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• left• soon• farewell• much• fight• really
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JOE BIDEN SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Joe Biden 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.

JOE BIDEN DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'global'?
3. What do you know about Joe Biden?
4. What do you think of Joe Biden?
5. What kind of President will Joe Biden be?
6. What are the most important things Biden needs to do?
7. How important are global alliances?
8. What news of the inauguration did you see?
9. Should the USA re-join the Paris climate accord?
10. What is the USA's reputation around the world?

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JOE BIDEN DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'alliance'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What advice do you have for Joe Biden?
15. What do you think of Donald Trump?
16. How did Donald Trump change America?
17. What advice do you have for Donald Trump?
18. What do you think Donald Trump will do for the rest of this year?
19. What are Donald Trump's biggest accomplishments?
20. What questions would you like to ask Donald Trump?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. | (a) sworn | (b) worn | (c) shorn | (d) spawn |
| 2. | (a) recounted | (b) accounted | (c) unprecedented | (d) absented |
| 3. | (a) indecent | (b) increment | (c) incident | (d) indolent |
| 4. | (a) operative | (b) considerate | (c) freely | (d) executive |
| 5. | (a) virtual | (b) augmented | (c) reputation | (d) post |
| 6. | (a) to | (b) with | (c) of | (d) at |
| 7. | (a) wowing | (b) vowing | (c) rowing | (d) sowing |
| 8. | (a) as | (b) by | (c) at | (d) to |
| 9. | (a) vectored | (b) reputed | (c) accomplished | (d) tangible |
| 10. | (a) works | (b) negotiation | (c) trophy | (d) privilege |
| 11. | (a) power | (b) population | (c) counterpart | (d) administration |
| 12. | (a) ambassador | (b) prop | (c) microcosm | (d) foundation |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. In nprcteeduedne scenes
2. took place without ctinedin
3. In the first days of his rcsedeyipn
4. rejoin the Paris climate rcdcao
5. restoring America's tnpurteioa overseas
6. neeagg with the world once again

Paragraph 2

7. not attending his successor's ioruuinnaagt
8. We've diecmoaslcp so much
9. amazing by any sadrtand
10. a great honour and gvieirelp
11. the new minstitondiara
12. do something really ptclaaucers

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210122-joe-biden.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () the new administration great luck and great success. I think they will have great
- () in as the 46th U.S. President on Wednesday amid tight security in Washington. In unprecedented
- () success. They have the foundation to do something really spectacular."
- () tested. And we've come out stronger for it. We will repair our alliances and engage with the world once again."
- () Outgoing President Donald Trump left office vowing to "be back". His parting words to the American
- () scenes, around 25,000 National Guard troops were positioned to make sure the inauguration took
- () inauguration. In his farewell speech, Mr Trump said: "This has been an incredible four years. We've accomplished
- () place without incident. In the first days of his presidency, Mr Biden will make several executive
- () public were: "Have a good life, we will see you soon." Mr Trump broke with tradition by not attending his successor's
- () honour and privilege to be your president. I will always fight for you....I wish
- () so much together. What we've done has been amazing by any standard." He added: "It's been a great
- () accord. Biden spoke about restoring America's reputation overseas. He said: "America has been
- (**1**) Joe Biden has promised to re-establish global alliances in his first speech as U.S. President. Mr Biden was sworn
- () orders to change the direction of America's foreign policy. He will rejoin the Paris climate

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210122-joe-biden.html>

1. Biden 46th the in US sworn as was President .
2. incident . Make without inauguration sure the took place
3. foreign America's policy . Change of direction the
4. restoring spoke overseas . Biden America's about reputation
5. and Repair the with alliances engage world . our
6. vowing back . Trump left to be office
7. tradition broke not by Trump Mr with attending .
8. years . been has This four an incredible
9. to president . It's great privilege a been be
10. foundation really spectacular . do The to something

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210122-joe-biden.html>

Joe Biden has promised to re-establish *globally* / *global* alliances in his first speech as U.S. President. Mr Biden was *swore* / *sworn* in as the 46th U.S. President on Wednesday amid *tight* / *light* security in Washington. In unprecedented *scenery* / *scenes*, around 25,000 National Guard troops were positioned to make sure the inauguration *took* / *gave* place without incident. In the first days of his presidency, Mr Biden will make several *operative* / *executive* orders to change the direction of America's foreign *police* / *policy*. He will rejoin the Paris *climate* / *warming* accord. Biden spoke about restoring America's *reputation* / *meeting* overseas. He said: "America has been tested. And we've come out stronger for it. We will repair our alliances and *engage* / *marry* with the world once again."

Outgoing President Donald Trump left office *wowing* / *vowing* to "be back". His parting *words* / *word* to the American public were: "Have a good life, we will see you soon." Mr Trump *broke* / *bloke* with tradition by not attending his successor's inauguration. In his farewell speech, Mr Trump said: "This has been an *incredible* / *incredibly* four years. We've *acclimatised* / *accomplished* so much together. What we've done has been *amazed* / *amazing* by any standard." He added: "It's been a great honour and *privilege* / *trophy* to be your president. I will always fight for you....I wish the new *administration* / *opportunity* great luck and great success. I think they will have *greatly* / *great* success. They have the foundation to do something really *spectacular* / *speculative*."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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J__ B_d_n h_s pr_m_s_d t_ r_ _st_bl_sh gl_b_l
_ll__nc_s _n h_s f_rst sp__ch _s _S. Pr_s_d_nt. Mr
B_d_n w_s sw_rn _n _s th_ 46th _S. Pr_s_d_nt _n
W_dn_sd_y _m_d t_ght s_c_r_ty _n W_sh_ngt_n. _n
_npr_c_d_nt_d sc_n_s, _r__nd 25,000 N_t__n_l G__rd
tr__ps w_r_ p_s_t__n_d t_ m_k_ s_r_ th_ _n__g_r_t__n
t__k pl_c_ w_th__t _nc_d_nt. _n th_ f_rst d_ys _f h_s
pr_s_d_ncy, Mr B_d_n w_ll m_k_ s_v_r_l _x_c_t_v_
_rd_rs t_ ch_ng_ th_ d_r_ct__n _f _m_r_c_'s f_r__gn
p_l_cy. H_ w_ll r_j__n th_ P_r_s cl_m_t_ _cc_r_d.
B_d_n sp_k_ _b__t r_st_r_ng _m_r_c_'s r_p_t_t__n
_v_rs__s. H_ s__d: "_m_r_c_ h_s b__n t_st_d. _nd
w_'v_ c_m_ __t str_ng_r f_r _t. W_ w_ll r_p__r __r
_ll__nc_s _nd _ng_g_ w_th th_ w_rld _nc_ _g__n."

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"b_ b_ck". H_s p_rt_ng w_rds t_ th_ _m_r_c_n p_bl_c
w_r_: "H_v_ _ g__d l_f_, w_ w_ll s__ y__ s__n." Mr
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210122-joe-biden.html>

joe biden has promised to reestablish global alliances in his first speech as us president mr biden was sworn in as the 46th us president on wednesday amid tight security in washington in unprecedented scenes around 25000 national guard troops were positioned to make sure the inauguration took place without incident in the first days of his presidency mr biden will make several executive orders to change the direction of americas foreign policy he will rejoin the paris climate accord biden spoke about restoring americas reputation overseas he said america has been tested and weve come out stronger for it we will repair our alliances and engage with the world once again

outgoing president donald trump left office vowing to be back his parting words to the american public were have a good life we will see you soon mr trump broke with tradition by not attending his successors inauguration in his farewell speech mr trump said this has been an incredible four years weve accomplished so much together what weve done has been amazing by any standard he added its been a great honour and privilege to be your president i will always fight for you i wish the new administration great luck and great success i think they will have great success they have the foundation to do something really spectacular

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Joe Biden has promised to re-establish global alliances in his first speech as U.S. President. Mr Biden was sworn in as the 46th U.S. President on Wednesday amid tight security in Washington. In unprecedented scenes, around 25,000 National Guard troops were repositioned to make sure the inauguration took place without incident. In the first days of his presidency, Mr Biden will make several executive orders to change the direction of America's foreign policy. He will rejoin the Paris climate accord. Biden spoke about restoring America's reputation overseas. He said: "America has been tested. And we've come out stronger for it. We will repair our alliance and engage with the world once again." Outgoing President Donald Trump left office vowing to "be back". His parting words to the American public were: "Have a good life, we will see you soon." Mr Trump broke with tradition by not attending his successor's inauguration. In his farewell speech, Mr Trump said: "This has been an incredible four years. We've accomplished so much together. What we've done has been amazing by any standard." He added: "It's been a great honour and privilege to be your president. I will always fight for you.... I wish the new administration great luck and great success. I think they will have great success. They have the foundation to do something really spectacular."

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 out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. JOE BIDEN: Make a poster about Joe Biden. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. DONALD TRUMP: Write a magazine article about Donald Trump running for office again. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on Joe Biden. Ask him/her three questions about him. Give him/her three of your opinions on Joe Biden. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. d 2. b 3. f 4. c 5. g 6. a 7. e
8. k 9. l 10. i 11. h 12. n 13. j 14. m

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b F c T d F e T f T g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Global alliances
- Around 25,000
- Several
- America's reputation
- The world
- Be back
- Tradition
- So much
- A privilege
- Something really spectacular

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- Biden was sworn in as the 46th US President.
- Make sure the inauguration took place without incident.
- Change the direction of America's foreign policy.
- Biden spoke about restoring America's reputation overseas.
- Repair our alliances and engage with the world.
- Trump left office vowing to be back.
- Mr Trump broke with tradition by not attending.
- This has been an incredible four years.
- It's been a great privilege to be president.
- The foundation to do something really spectacular.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. c 4. a 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. d 10. c

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)