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**Level 1** – 4th January 2024

**2024 to be biggest ever year for voting in elections**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240104-voting-in-elections-1.html>

The year 2024 will be the biggest for elections. Around two billion people in 64 countries and the European Union will vote this year. That is half the global population. The elections will bring big changes for many people. Voters in the world's four largest electoral blocs - the EU, India, Indonesia and the USA - will vote. For much of the year, eyes will be on the US. There will be a repeat of the 2020 election if Donald Trump runs again.

Journalists worry if elections will be free and fair. Bloomberg.com asked a question that is on many people's lips: "Will 2024 be the year fake news destroys democracy?" Artificial intelligence will be used to change the way people vote. Bloomberg said there will be "a storm of disinformation...unlike anything the world has ever seen". Fact checkers will have to work extra hard to reduce the number of fake news stories on social media.

Sources: <https://time.com/6550920/world-elections-2024/>  
<https://www.bloomberg.com/opinion/articles/2023-12-28/elections-2024-fake-news-could-destroy-democracy>  
[http://www.koreaherald.com/global\\_insite/view.php](http://www.koreaherald.com/global_insite/view.php)

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240104-voting-in-elections-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                     |                          |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Around two billion people        | a. on the US             |
| 2. That is half                     | b. of the year           |
| 3. elections will bring big changes | c. runs again            |
| 4. the world's four largest         | d. for many people       |
| 5. For much                         | e. of the 2020 election  |
| 6. eyes will be                     | f. electoral blocs       |
| 7. There will be a repeat           | g. in 64 countries       |
| 8. if Donald Trump                  | h. the global population |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| 1. Journalists worry if elections will | a. people vote       |
| 2. a question that is on many          | b. democracy         |
| 3. the year fake news destroys         | c. extra hard        |
| 4. Artificial intelligence             | d. people's lips     |
| 5. change the way                      | e. will be used      |
| 6. there will be a storm               | f. news stories      |
| 7. Fact checkers will have to work     | g. be free and fair  |
| 8. reduce the number of fake           | h. of disinformation |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240104-voting-in-elections-1.html>

The year 2024 will (1) \_\_\_\_\_ for elections. Around two billion people in 64 countries and the European Union will vote this year. That (2) \_\_\_\_\_ global population. The elections will bring (3) \_\_\_\_\_ many people. Voters in the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ electoral blocs - the EU, India, Indonesia and the USA - will vote. For (5) \_\_\_\_\_ year, eyes will be on the US. There will (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of the 2020 election if Donald Trump runs again.

Journalists (7) \_\_\_\_\_ will be free and fair. Bloomberg.com asked a question that is on (8) \_\_\_\_\_: "Will 2024 be the year fake news destroys democracy?" Artificial intelligence (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to change the way people vote. Bloomberg said there will be "(10) \_\_\_\_\_ disinformation...unlike anything the world (11) \_\_\_\_\_". Fact checkers will have to work extra hard to reduce the number (12) \_\_\_\_\_ stories on social media.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240104-voting-in-elections-1.html>

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# ELECTIONS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240104-voting-in-elections-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about elections 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) \_\_\_\_\_

