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**Level 1 – 9th November, 2020**

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

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**Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

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Kamala Harris was California's attorney general before becoming a US senator. Joe Biden chose her as his running mate for this election. She will be sworn in as 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." It said she might one day, "step one level up to the presidency".

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201109-kamala-harris-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                               |                      |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. the U.S. Vice President-   | a. Electoral College |
| 2. Television                 | b. "We did it."      |
| 3. he won 279 votes in the    | c. fight for it      |
| 4. the first of South Asian   | d. elect             |
| 5. Harris, 56, tweeted:       | e. ahead of us       |
| 6. This election is about the | f. descent           |
| 7. our willingness to         | g. networks          |
| 8. We have a lot of work      | h. soul of America   |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                      |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. California's attorney          | a. in                |
| 2. becoming a US                  | b. day               |
| 3. Biden chose her as his running | c. vice-presidency   |
| 4. She will be sworn              | d. to the presidency |
| 5. Harris' ascent to the          | e. mate              |
| 6. a reflection of what's         | f. general           |
| 7. It said she might one          | g. possible          |
| 8. step one level up              | h. senator           |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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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-4.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) \_\_\_\_\_

