**Actuele lesbrief Engels – Election Day**

**Voor de docent**

Niemand ontkomt aan de aanstaande verkiezingen in de Verenigde Staten. Wie de volgende president wordt is ook bepalend voor de wereldpolitiek.

**ERK-niveau – Lezen B2**

Lezen om informatie op te doen: Kan literaire en non-fictie teksten lezen met een redelijke mate van begrip voor het geheel en voor details (LEB2-3b)

Leesstrategieën – *Kan gebruikmaken van uiteenlopende strategieën om tot tekstbegrip te komen, waaronder het letten op hoofdpunten.* – *Kan van minder frequente woorden en uitdrukkingen de betekenis controleren door gebruik te maken van websites, (online) fora en eentalige woordenboeken.*

*Things have been heating up across the pond. Who will be the next American president?*

Assignment 1

You may use English-language Internet sources to help you.

a List 5 or more words related to elections.

b Name 3 or more forms of government.

**Election Day**

On 5 November millions of people in the United States will be voting for their next president.

[Here’s what you need to know about the upcoming election](https://www.cbc.ca/kidsnews/post/the-u.s-election-is-in-1-week-heres-how-it-will-work).

Assignment 2

a Read the text. Find (and mark) the following words in the text:

*democracies – (to) determine – election – final – inaugurated – main – outcome – people in need  
 – the popular vote – (to) swing – (to) tend to support – a tight race – traditionally*

Match the above words and expressions with their correct definitions.

1 the choice made by most of the people in the U.S. Presidential election

2 a competition in which two or more candidates are very close to one another

3 countries with a government in which people vote for their leader

4 decide

5 last

6 most important

7 move from one side to the other side

8 poor people and/or people who are sick

9 a process in which people vote to choose a person to hold an official position

10 put into an offical position with a ceremony

11 result

12 typically, usually, normally

13 usually agree with or approve

Assignment 3

a Republican or Democrat?

1 Blue

2 Conservative

3 Higher taxes

4 Liberal

5 Less social programs to help people in need

6 Lower taxes

7 More social programs to help people in need

8 Red

9 Smaller government

b What are swing states?

1 The only states where candidates are actually campaigning.

2 The states where people end up favouring swinging candidates.

3 States with about just as much Republican voters as Democratic voters.

4 States where swings and abortion rights determine the outcome of elections.

c In the end, who or what decides who will become the next U.S. President?

1 The capital district.

2 The electoral college.

3 The popular vote.

4 The U.S. Congress.