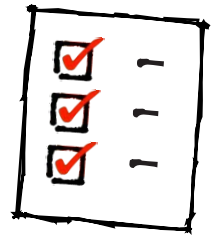


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Day Two

What the President Plays

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words

→ Read these phrases and words **out loud** to your partner.

- about the day-to-day lives of their presidents
- When he was a young law student
- that Obama knew how to handle himself on the court
- of Obama's campaign for the White House
- He kept the ritual going on Election Day
- The basketball ritual brought good luck once again

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Decoding practice:

Circle the two base words in the compounds below. The first one is done for you.

basketball

standout

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officemate

highlight



Day Two

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What the President Plays

Part 2: Last read

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Americans like knowing about the day-to-day lives of their presidents. We like knowing about their pets. We like knowing about their hobbies. And we like knowing about their favorite sports. Former President Obama always enjoyed basketball.

Obama was a standout high school player. He loved the game. “He’d be the first one to practice,” said his coach. “After practice, he’d go to the park and play more.” 53
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When he was a young law student, Obama began dating an officemate named Michelle. Her brother, Craig, was a topnotch basketball player. Michelle asked Craig to play one-on-one with the new young man in her life. Craig did as she asked. He was impressed. He told Michelle that Obama knew how to handle himself on the court. He played hard but clean. Three years later, Barack Obama and Michelle were married. 82
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Basketball was a highlight of Obama’s campaign for the White House. During the 2008 primaries, he had a good-luck ritual. Each day a vote was held, he played a basketball game with friends. He kept the ritual going on Election Day in both 2008 and 2012. 152
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Secretary of Education Arne Duncan was one of the players in the 2012 Election Day game. He said Obama was glad to be on the court. “He was cracking jokes and talking trash and having a good time,” Duncan told *USA Today*. The basketball ritual brought good luck once again. Later that night, Obama won a second term in the White House. 200
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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Some people think you can tell a lot about a person by the way he or she plays sports. Do you know of a great athlete who is NOT a great person? Who is that?

Check with your partner. Does your partner believe that great athletes are great people?

- Yes
- No