

American Election Conversation Questions

Warm-up Task:

How many American presidents do you know? List as many as you can.

Discussion Questions:

1. Are you paying attention to the American presidential election? What is happening?
2. How do you get news about the American election? What is good about that news source?
3. What do you know about the likely candidates for president, Joe Biden and Donald Trump?
4. How important are American political results to other countries around the world? How can the American Government affect other countries?
5. What do you think about democracy? Is it a good system? Is it the best system?
6. People can get so passionate about political issues that they get angry and disagreements become conflict. How can we stay calm and prevent violence?
7. Have you ever voted? How important is voting to you?
8. The process of American elections takes many months. How long does it take to choose leaders in your country?
9. Politicians in the USA have to raise a lot of money to run for office. Is this a problem?
10. One of the issues in the coming American election is immigration. Why do people disagree about immigration policy?
11. The economy is always an important issue. How is the American economy at the moment? Will it be better or worse by the time people are voting?
12. The likely candidates for president are both quite old. Is this a problem?
13. What other issues will affect how people vote in the election?
14. Has your country had a female leader? Are female leaders different from male ones? How?
15. At times, candidates' personal lives become topics of conversation. Does the public need to know about the candidates' personal lives? Why or why not?
16. Which of the major political parties will do better in the upcoming election? What is your prediction?

