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At the end of the primaries, each party organises a big party called a (4) ________________. Thousands of party (5) ________________ meet and select the candidate who was the best in the primaries. At this gathering, the candidate also tells the people who will become (6) ________________ if he gets elected.

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In most cases, there are only two candidates, a Republican and a Democrat, but in the last elections (10) ________________ from other parties have also taken part.

Americans do not vote for the President directly. They select electors who (11) ________________ them in the Electoral College. Each state has a certain number of electors. Big states with a large population, like California have many electors (54) and small states, like Hawaii only have a few (12) ________________. All together there are 538 electors who meet in the Electoral College.

In December all the electors meet and elect a president. Most of the time they (13) ________________ for the candidate who has won in their state. The candidate who has 270 or more electoral votes becomes President.

Candidates often (14) ________________ on the big states with lots of electors. They know that if they win in states like California, New York or Texas they have a good (15) ________________ of becoming President.

On January 20th of the (16) ________________ year the new President and his Vice President begin the new (17) ________________. They put their left hand on a Bible and take the (18) ________________ of office.
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At the end of the primaries, each party organises a big party called a convention. Thousands of party members meet and select the candidate who was the best in the primaries. At this gathering, the candidate also tells the people who will become Vice President if he gets elected.

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