

Complete the text with a word from the box. There are TWO words you will not need.

There are many people who would like to become President. From January to June of the election year, the two big parties, Republicans and Democrats, hold (1) _____ in many states. In these, people (2) _____ who should become the party's candidate for the (3) _____ election in November.

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.

From August to November the (7) _____ of each party travel all over the country, hold (8) _____ and try to get the people to (9) _____ for them. On the first Tuesday in November the American people vote for one of the presidential candidates.

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.

candidates

chance

concentrate

convention

decide

electors

following

general

members

nominees

oath

population

President

primaries

represent

speeches

state

term

Vice President

vote

KEY

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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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