

Jimmy Carter – Honest Politics (B1)

A – Before you start

Answer the questions with a partner

1. Are you interested in politics? Why (not)?
2. Do you think it's better for a politician to be honest or efficient? Why?
3. What other qualities do you think are important in a political leader?
4. Are you happy with the government of your country? Why (not)?

B – Listen and answer

Read these incomplete statements. Then listen (without reading) and complete them.

1. Before becoming President, Jimmy Carter had been a _____ farmer.
2. He came from the _____ of the United States.
3. Carter was born in Georgia, on _____, _____.
4. He won the presidential election in _____.
5. He played an important role in bringing about the _____ Accords in 1978.
6. During his presidency, the _____ invaded _____.
7. _____ American diplomats and citizens were taken hostage in Iran.
8. Carter lost the presidential election to _____ in 1981.

C – Read and answer

Read the article and the information box and answer the questions.

1. What did Jimmy Carter aim to do when he became president?
2. Why were many Americans disillusioned with politics after the presidencies of Nixon and Ford?
3. What did Carter do to change the composition of his administration?
4. Why was there mass unemployment in the Midwest in the late 80s?
5. What other domestic problems did the US have during Carter's presidency?
6. What did Carter and his wife do soon after leaving the White House?
7. What kind of initiatives has he been active in since the 1980s?
8. What award did he receive in recognition of his work?

D – Learn it! Use it!

Complete these sentences with words from the glossary. (You may have to adapt the expression in some way; e.g. change the subject, or change from singular to plural.)

1. Many young people have to do two or more jobs in order to have enough _____ to live on.
2. If we can't find a flat in this area, we'll have to look for one _____.
3. Harry's passport is new. It was _____ two months ago.
4. Rob was a bit nervous when he stood up to make a _____ at his daughter's wedding.
5. Susan's boss thanked her for the _____ enthusiasm she puts into her work.
6. I quite like spy stories but I really _____ action films. They're all the same!

E – Ready for the B1 PRELIMINARY English Exam? (Paper 1, Reading: Part 6)

Write one word only in each space.

Camp David is the holiday home used by the president of the United States. It is ¹ _____ in Catoctin Mountain Park, in Maryland, but for security reasons you ² _____ not find its exact position on maps of the Park.

The Camp is made ³ _____ of 18 cabins or lodges. There are also basketball and tennis courts, a bowling alley and and two swimming ⁴ _____.

Some very important meetings have ⁵ _____ held at Camp David. One of these led to the Camp David Accords, a peace treaty signed ⁶ _____ the prime minister of Israel and the president of Egypt in 1978.

G – Write about it

Write about one of your country's best-known political leaders. Include information about:

- his/her family background;
- his/her political career;
- his/her achievements/failures.

Answers

B – Listen and answer

1. peanut 2. south 3. 1st October 1924 4. 1976 5. Camp David 6. Soviets – Afghanistan
7. Fifty-two 8. Ronald Reagan

C – Read and answer

1. He aimed to make America moral again./to return integrity to US politics. 2. Because Nixon had resigned following the Watergate scandal and Ford had issued a presidential pardon. 3. He brought a number of women, African-Americans and minorities into it. 4. Because of deindustrialisation, as many companies moved their production abroad. 5. The domestic problems were a sharp increase in income inequality, a major energy crisis and high inflation. 6. They founded the Carter Center. 7. He has been active in human rights, disease prevention, peace projects, advancing democracy and promoting economic and social development. 8. He received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2022.

D – Learn it! Use it!

1. income 2. elsewhere 3. issued 4. speech 5. untiring 6. loathe

E – Ready for the B1 PRELIMINARY English Exam?

1. located/situated 2. will 3. up 4. pools 5. been 6. by