

- **abroad** = another country
- **act** = to do something
- **additional** = extra
- **advisor** = someone who knows a lot about something and help people with decisions
- **agree** = to have the same opinion
- **appoint** = to name someone for an official position
- **arrest** = to put into prison
- **assassinate** = to murder an important person
- **attack** = the use of weapons against an enemy in a war
- **attend** = to go to
- **attention** = notice, interest
- **ballots** = a piece of paper on which you vote
- **battle** = one fight in a war
- **bill** = 1 banknote
2 a plan for a new law which is discussed in parliament or Congress
- **blossom** = to produce flowers
- **break away** = to leave
- **bullet** = a small piece of metal that comes out of a gun
- **campaign** = movement to get a person elected as president
- **candidate** = person who wants to become president
- **career** = here : life
- **case** = argument
- **Civil War** = the war that was fought between 1861 and 1865 in which the southern states formed their own country
- **closely protected** = carefully guarded
- **colonist** = someone who settles in a new colony
- **commander** = a person who is the boss of soldiers or sailors
- **concentrate** = focus on
- **Congress** = group of people elected to make laws in the USA . It consists of the House of Representatives and the Senate
- **constitution** = a set of laws that a country is organized by
- **convince** = to talk someone into doing something
- **county** = a part of a state that has its own small government
- **court** = a place where it is decided if something is against the law or not
- **crew** = all the people who work on a plane or a ship
- **cripple** = to hurt somebody so that they cannot walk or move well
- **crisis** = a time when there are a lot of problems in a country
- **crops** = a plant that farmers grow and sell as food
- **decade** = ten years
- **declare** = officially begin
- **defeat** = to win against
- **defence** = everything that a country uses to protect itself from being attacked
- **depression** = a time when there are not many jobs and people cannot buy things because they don't have the money
- **District of Columbia** = the area of the American capital Washington
- **dynamic** = full of energy and new ideas
- **elect** = to choose somebody by voting for him or her
- **election** = when people vote to choose someone for an official position
- **Electoral College** = a group of people who are chosen by the voters of the USA. They get together to elect a President

- **electoral votes** =votes that each state has in the Electoral College
- **electors** =member of the Electoral College
- **environment** = the world around us
- **equal rights** = to have the same rights
- **executive branch** = a part of government that makes sure that people follow the law
- **explore** = to go somewhere for the first time and find out about something
- **FDR** = short for Franklin D. Roosevelt
- **founding fathers** = the early settlers who created the American colonies and wrote the Constitution
- **good chance of becoming** = it is very possible
- **government** =the people who rule a country
- **health** =the physical condition of a person
- **hold office** = to be President
- **honour** = to give someone a medal
- **in favour of** = to be for something
- **in office** = when a person is President
- **independence** =freedom, liberty
- **influence** = power, control
- **inhabitants** = people, population
- **involve** = to take part, to be a part of
- **join** = to become a member of
- **journey** = travelling from one place to another
- **judge** = the person who is in control of a court
- **judicial branch** = the system of courts in a country
- **landowner** = someone who owns or has land
- **law** = the system of rules in a country
- **lawyer** =a person who defends people in court or gives them advice about the law
- **legislative branch** = the part of government that makes the laws
- **majority** = more than half
- **make sure** = to check and see if something has been done
- **missile** =rocket
- **murder** = kill
- **opinion** =what people believe or think
- **pass a law** = make a new law
- **plantation** = a large farm
- **plough** = to turn over the earth so that you can plant crops
- **polio** = a serious illness of the nerves in which you cannot move many parts of your body
- **politician** =someone who works in politics
- **politics** =government and affairs of the country
- **polls** = here: the place where you go to vote
- **population** = the people of a country
- **presidency** = the time when someone is president
- **primary** = an election at which people vote for a party's candidate
- **punch** = to push a hole through something
- **put into effect** = here: they should be followed or obeyed
- **recount** = count again
- **relax** = rest
- **remove** =replace by someone else
- **representative** =member
- **rescue** = to save somebody from a dangerous situation
- **retreat** = a place where you can go to , where it is quiet and safe
- **rule** = to govern
- **rush** = to move very quickly
- **select** = choose
- **serve** =work for

- **settler** = someone who lives in a place where not many people have lived before
- **sign** = to put your name on a document
- **slavery** = the system of having slaves in a country
- **slaves** = someone who is owned by another person and works for them for no money
- **Soviet Union** = a communist country that existed between 1917 and 1991
- **speech** = to talk to a group of people about many things
- **stamp** = a small piece of paper that you buy and put on a letter
- **suffer** = to be in a bad situation
- **surveyor** = a person who measures land
- **take an oath** = make a very serious promise
- **tax** = the money you pay to your government ; it is used to pay for the country's needs
- **term** = the time when a person is President
- **threaten** = warn someone that you will do something
- **tobacco** = dry leaves that are smoked in cigarettes
- **troops** = soldiers
- **War of Independence** = the war in which the people in the British colonies of America became independent
- **weapon** = things you use to fight in a war
- **wheelchair** = a chair with wheels that is used by a person who cannot walk
- **wilderness** = a place where nobody has lived before