

Emmanuel Macron is the new president of France

Elementary

1 Warmer

Match the presidents or leaders with their countries.

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|-------------------|------------|
| 1. Vladimir Putin | a. Germany |
| 2. Donald Trump | b. Turkey |
| 3. Recep Erdoğan | c. Russia |
| 4. Angela Merkel | d. Mexico |
| 5. Enrique Nieto | e. the USA |

2 Key words

Fill the gaps in the sentences with these key words from the text. The paragraph numbers will help you.

election

candidate

vote

strict

border

1. If you _____, you choose one of the candidates in an election. (para 1)
2. An _____ is a time when people choose someone to represent them, especially in a government. (para 1)
3. A _____ is one of the people trying to win an election. (para 2)
4. Rules or conditions that are _____ must be obeyed completely. (para 3)
5. A _____ is the official line between two countries. (para 3)

3 Find the information

Find the following information in the text as quickly as possible.

1. When did François Hollande become president of France?
2. When was the first vote in 2017's French presidential election?
3. How many people voted in the first vote?
4. Which candidate got the most votes?
5. When was the second vote in 2017's French presidential election?
6. What percentage of the vote did Mr Macron win?

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- 1 Every five years, the people of France vote to choose their president. In the last presidential election, in 2012, François Hollande of the French Socialist Party became the president of France. The president can be in office for two periods of five years but Hollande decided that he did not want to continue. So in 2017, the people of France voted for a new president.
- 2 The presidential elections took place on Sunday, 23 April and Sunday, 7 May. There were 11 candidates in the first vote on 23 April. The two candidates with the most votes were Emmanuel Macron with more than 8.5 million votes and Marine Le Pen with more than 7.5 million votes. More than 36 million people voted in the first vote but, under the French system, only the first two candidates have the chance to become president in the second vote.
- 3 Emmanuel Macron was a banker before he entered politics and Marine Le Pen was a lawyer. Macron started his own political party, En Marche!, a party in the centre of French politics. Macron supports the European Union and the euro. Marine Le Pen was the president of the National Front party, a party on the far right of French politics. She does not like the European Union and would like France to have strict controls on its borders.
- 4 After the first vote, most people thought that Macron would win the second vote because many of the people who voted for other candidates in the first vote did not want to vote for Marine Le Pen. In the second vote, on 7 May, 20,743,128 people voted for Emmanuel Macron and 10,638,475 voted for Marine Le Pen. With 66.1% of the vote, Macron was the clear winner and, on 14 May, 2017, he became the new president of France.

4 Comprehension check

Match the beginnings to the endings to make statements about the text.

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|--|---|
| 1. Emmanuel Macron used to be ... | a. ... voted for Marine Le Pen. |
| 2. Marine Le Pen used to be ... | b. ... the European Union and the euro. |
| 3. Marine Le Pen was the ... | c. ... a lawyer. |
| 4. In the second vote, more than 20 million people ... | d. ... president of the National Front party. |
| 5. In the second vote, more than 10 million people ... | e. ... a banker. |
| 6. Emmanuel Macron supports ... | f. ... voted for Emmanuel Macron. |

5 Chunks

Rearrange the words to make phrases from the text.

1. than votes million 8.5 more
2. people more 36 than million
3. want he continue did to not
4. May on 2017 14
5. five periods two for of years
6. the after vote first

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6 Two-word phrases

Match the words in the left-hand column with the words in the right-hand column to make expressions from the text.

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|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. presidential | a. winner |
| 2. political | b. controls |
| 3. clear | c. election |
| 4. strict | d. party |

7 Word-building

Complete the table using words from the text.

	noun	adjective
1.	president	
2.	politics	
3.	Europe	
4.	France	

8 Discussion

- Do you vote in elections? Why? Why not?
- Is it better to have a president or a king or queen? Why?

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1. c
2. e
3. b
4. a
5. d

2 Key words

1. vote
2. election
3. candidate
4. strict
5. border

3 Find the information

1. 2012
2. 23 April
3. more than 36 million
4. Emmanuel Macron
5. 7 May
6. 66.1%

4 Comprehension check

1. e
2. c
3. d
4. f
5. a
6. b

5 Chunks

1. more than 8.5 million votes
2. more than 36 million people
3. he did not want to continue
4. on 14 May, 2017
5. for two periods of five years
6. after the first vote

6 Two-word phrases

1. c
2. d
3. a
4. b

7 Word-building

1. presidential
2. political
3. European
4. French