

# Joe Biden

Joe Biden is a politician and the president of the United States. He was sworn in as the 46<sup>th</sup> president on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

He served as the 47<sup>th</sup> vice-president to Barack Obama from 2009 to 2017.



## ★ Growing Up

He was born on 20<sup>th</sup> November 1942 in Pennsylvania but moved to Delaware when he was still young. His parents were very hard-working and taught him to be tough and to persevere in life.

As a child, Joe Biden had a stammer and had to use his perseverance to manage this. When he was older, he attended the respected Archmere Academy. To help pay for his tuition, Joe Biden cleaned windows and weeded the gardens. He went on to the University of Delaware and then studied law at Syracuse University Law School.

In America, there are two major political parties, the **Democrats** and the **Republicans**.

## ★ Career

In 1971, Joe Biden started his own law firm. He became interested in politics and joined the Democratic party.

In 1972, he ran for the United States Senate and became the fifth-youngest US senator in the nation's history. He went on to serve in the Senate until 2009.

Joe Biden has attempted to become president of the US three times, in 1988, 2008 and in 2020. He was asked to join Barack Obama as his vice-president candidate and became the 47<sup>th</sup> vice-president when Barack Obama became president in 2009. In the 2020 election, Joe Biden stood as the Democratic candidate against Donald Trump. He received a record number of votes.

## Family Life ★

Joe Biden has had to deal with tragedy in his life. In 1972, his first wife and one-year-old daughter were killed in a car crash. His two young sons were badly injured. It took all his courage to get through this difficult time and to keep working.

He married again in 1977 and later had another daughter.

There was more sadness to come in 2015 when his eldest son died. Joe Biden had to fight against grief and sadness to carry on.

## Did You Know...?

Joe Biden has become the oldest US president at 78 years old.

# Questions

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 Pennsylvania  
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Donald Trump...	•	had a stammer when he was young.
Barack Obama...	•	was Joe Biden's opponent in 2020.

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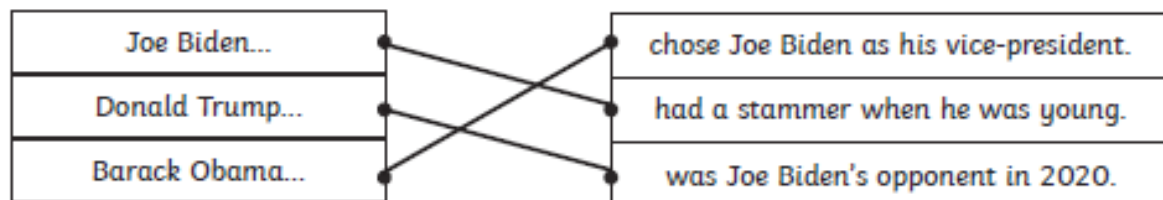
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**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think Joe Biden would have felt happy when he knew he had become president because he had finally achieved his dream.**