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# Who Wants To Be President?

## HELP WANTED

**JOB TITLE:** President of the United States

**JOB LOCATION:** Washington, D.C.

**SALARY:** \$400,000 per year

**QUALIFICATIONS:** U.S. citizen, at least 35 years of age and a resident of the United States for 14 years before election

**LENGTH OF TERM:** Four years. The President may not serve more than two terms.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:** Carries out the law, appoints Supreme Court Justices, commands the armed forces, conducts foreign affairs, signs bills into law or vetoes (rejects) them

1. How much money will the President have earned after serving four years in office?

2. List two skills that you think the President needs to do his job well. Explain your choices.

3. For how many years can the President serve? Why do you think there is a limit to how many terms a person can be President?

4. Do you think the law should be changed so that a person born outside the United States can become President? Why or why not?

5. What do you think is the President's most important responsibility?

**BONUS:** You're a Presidential candidate. Write a letter to the American people listing your qualifications and explaining why you want the job.

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## Feathers and Gas

*Your choices will show how well you understood the reading selections. You may reread all or part of the selections to help you answer correctly.*

The *BBC* is reporting that Harry Potter is responsible for the **dwindling** number of wild owls in India. One of the reasons that owls are being trapped and sold as pets is that parents' are buying them as gifts for their kids who are fans of the fictional wizard. As you may already know, Harry has his own pet owl, Hedwig.

1. What does "dwindling" mean?

- a. having feathers
- b. becoming less
- c. flying
- d. appearing in movies

2. Many children in India want owls \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. as pets
- b. to become extinct
- c. as a special food item
- d. to use their feathers in hats

3. From the above selection, we can see that \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. Everyone loves Harry Potter movies
- b. Owls don't taste as good as chickens
- c. People want to wipe out owls
- d. being popular can be harmful

Volvo is building a car that will use gasoline without burning it. *CNet Car Tech* reports that Volvo will use a fuel cell that **converts** the hydrogen in gasoline into electricity to run the vehicle's electric motor when the battery is low.

The plug-in hybrid will go farther on the same amount of fuel because regular gasoline engines waste much of the fuel's energy as heat.

4. To fill this car with fuel, \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. you'll have to find a station that sells hydrogen
- b. you'll be able to go to any regular gas station
- c. you must plug it in overnight
- d. you only need to add water


5. What does "converts" mean?

- a. frightens
- b. burns
- c. loses
- d. changes

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Bunker Hill Bravery Bolsters Adams' Argument



In June of 1775, soon after the opening of the second Continental Congress, a British force containing about 3,000 troops attacked the rebel fortifications at Breed's Hill and Bunker Hill. The British wanted to remove the rebels from their entrenched positions overlooking the City of Boston.

The British had to make three separate assaults to achieve their desired objective.

With growing concern, British General Howe watched the heavy toll that his men were paying for possession of that small plot of land. By the end of the battle the General was wading through fields of dead soldiers.

Removal of the patriot forces at Bunker Hill cost Howe about 40% of his soldiers, or 1,000 men, in addition to his entire personal staff. At Bunker Hill Howe saw that the officers and leaders of the American rebellion were not hesitating to shed their own blood in the quest for victory.

John Adams also took note of the officers' valor. The bravery of the rebel officers prompted John Adams to address the members of the Continental Congress. He requested their help with the "defense of liberty."

The delegates responded to Adams' request by calling for the formation of a Continental Army. Many delegates were opposed to the new army, fearing that it would corner the colonists into a position of constant rebellion. A bitter debate followed Adams' appeal for Congressional assistance, and the matter was put to a vote. A slim majority voted to establish the Continental Army, and selected George Washington of Virginia to serve as the supreme commander of that army. One year later, when the delegates voted for the Declaration of Independence, the existence of the Continental Army became of paramount importance. The Army allowed the colonists to defend their claim of independence.



I. Complete the following statements.

1. In June of 1775 the British attacked rebels at \_\_\_\_\_ Hill and \_\_\_\_\_ Hill.
2. General \_\_\_\_\_ commanded the attacking British forces.
3. After Bunker Hill, John \_\_\_\_\_ made a speech in the Continental Congress.
4. In response to this speech, the Congress established the Continental \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The Congress selected \_\_\_\_\_ to lead the -Army.

II. Circle the letter of the word or words that correctly completes the statement.

1. The rebels at Breed's Hill and Bunker Hill were defending \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. New York c. Philadelphia  
b. York d. Boston
2. The rebels on Bunker Hill killed \_\_\_\_\_ of Howe's men.  
a. 1,000 c. 10,000  
b. 100,000 d. 100
3. Howe was impressed by the bravery of the rebel  
a. cavalry c. officers  
b. riflemen d. none of the above
4. The officers' bravery at Bunker Hill led to a speech by \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. George Washington c. Sam Adams  
b. John Adams d. General Howe
5. Defense of the Declaration of Independence was made possible by formation of \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. the US Marine Corps c. the Continental Army  
b. the US Air Force d. the French Foreign Legion

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## Word Meanings From Context

*Use the context to help you determine the meaning of each highlighted word.*

1. No matter where you go, the Internet is following you. Almost every portable device is being made with an Internet connection. Most new TVs and many other appliances come with Internet connections as well. The Internet is truly **ubiquitous**.

If something is ubiquitous, \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. it is fuzzy and will bite you
- b. it is everywhere
- c. it costs too much money
- d. it causes rashes

2. Speaking rudely to the judges was **rash** behavior. You really hurt your chances of winning!

In the above context, what does "rash" mean?

- a. an itchy skin condition
- b. funny
- c. trying to hide or disguise a piece of cheese
- d. with little thought or consideration

3. Some people are always **bashing** the president just like others bashed the one before him. Wouldn't you think that everyone could find something to praise him for, at least once in a while?

What does "bashing" mean in the above selection?

- a. hitting hard with a heavy tool
- b. going to too many expensive parties
- c. speaking or writing harshly about
- d. voting for a different candidate

4. Wherever he goes, the **esteemed** Dr. Sanchez is applauded for his life saving research.

What does "esteemed" mean?

- a. held over boiling water
- b. very old
- c. unable to chew gum
- d. greatly admired

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# Everyday Things

The four words listed below are not often used today. But, if you had lived in colonial times, these were the names of things that you might have used every day. Look up these words in the dictionary and write the definition below.

tallow \_\_\_\_\_

wicks \_\_\_\_\_

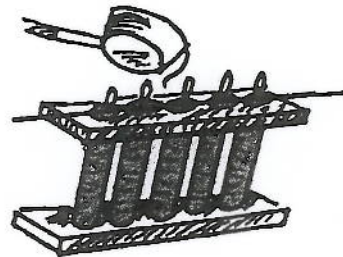
tinder \_\_\_\_\_

trench (trencher) \_\_\_\_\_

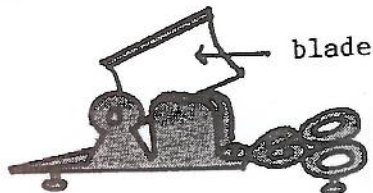
Next, look at the pictures below. Read about how each of these objects was used in colonial times. Use one of the words from the list above to complete each description.



Dry material that would ignite easily was kept in a \_\_\_\_\_ box. To start a fire, they would strike a spark and light the contents of the box.



Wax for candles was made from melted animal fat called \_\_\_\_\_. It was poured into molds and allowed to cool and form the candle.



Before lighting a candle, a special pair of unusual scissors were used to trim off the burnt ends of the candle \_\_\_\_\_ so that they could be relighted.



The colonists had very few pottery dishes. Most everyday plates were carved or whittled from squares of wood. These plates were called \_\_\_\_\_.



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## Contributing to the Main Idea

Every sentence in a paragraph must contribute to the main idea. Most of the sentences in a paragraph simply support the main idea. Some may state or summarize that idea.

*There is one sentence in each of the following paragraphs that does not contribute to the main idea. It does not belong in the paragraph. Underline the sentence that should be removed from each paragraph.*

1. I am looking forward to election day. It's fun to vote and exciting to watch the election results. I'll be rooting for my candidate to win and enjoying the suspense if the vote is close. The following day will be a good time to play video games. No matter who wins, an election is a special occasion.

2. April is beginning the lengthy process of choosing a college to attend. She is buying and reading guides to the best schools. She hasn't completely ruled out working for a year before attending college. She's checking out the many Websites that provide information for picking the right college or university. She's even researching the climate of the area of every school she considers.

3. Bill is one of those people who just doesn't have to worry about gaining too much weight. He is the best tennis player I've ever met. Bill can eat any amount of any food he likes without putting on an ounce. He can go for weeks without exercising with no apparent effect. It just doesn't seem fair!

4. Scientists are learning a great deal about the aging process. This knowledge will allow doctors to help their patients live longer and better lives. They will be able to defeat diseases associated with aging and perhaps even delay the onset of old age. Many doctors would agree that some medicines are much too expensive.