

Vocabulary: Sam vs. Herb Cartoon

Directions: Choose 1 of the 12 words used in the CANDIDATE SAM comic strip to complete the following verb challenges. The **sentences below** have a missing word from the list on the right.

- A. At 9:00 p.m. the governor would ____ the nominee!
- B. Such an absurd claim was plain ____!
- C. Wasn't it a brilliant ____ to offer free perks?
- D. The President claimed he would ____ the bill.
- E. She was always an ____ and forceful speaker.
- F. The ____ crowd roared its approval!
- G. Her ____ and kind attitude have tremendous appeal!
- H. His manager feared an ____ reaction to the policy.
- I. There was a ____ over the ballot count.
- J. Volunteers were glad to ____ the area for votes!
- K. With her ____ and appeal, she would be elected!
- L. The ____ crisscrossed the country to obtain votes.

Mark the **sentence LETTER** next to each number on this word list. Answers are listed below!

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| ___ 1. controversy | ___ 2. eloquent | ___ 3. jubilant | ___ 4. declare |
| ___ 5. charisma | ___ 6. canvass | ___ 7. veto | ___ 8. candidate |
| ___ 9. gracious | ___ 10. adverse | ___ 11. bunk | ___ 12. strategy |

Directions: These are BONUS verbal challenges using 9 more election vocabulary words. Sentences with a missing word from the list on the right

- 1. Always fair, his ____ were honest.
- 2. The voter showed ____ as he waffled on all issues.
- 3. The ____ for each seat lasted 4 years only.
- 4. The 2/3 ____ was present to allow a vote.
- 5. A gifted speaker, Thomas was an excellent ____.
- 6. From the ____ reactions, he suspected trouble.
- 7. Without a doubt, it was an ____ speech!
- 8. Hank shocked everyone by wanting to ____ Pluto!
- 9. Her ____ was evident after serving 9 years.

- ___ a. orator
- ___ b. nominate
- ___ c. tactics
- ___ d. seniority
- ___ e. diverse
- ___ f. hypocrisy
- ___ g. quorum
- ___ h. term
- ___ i. inspired

Vocabulary University® Election

A crossword puzzle grid on a light blue background. The grid consists of white squares for letters and light blue squares for empty space. The puzzle is titled "Vocabulary University® Election". There are 40 numbered starting points for words:

- 1: 2 squares, horizontal
- 2: 1 square, vertical
- 3: 5 squares, horizontal
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- 32: 8 squares, horizontal
- 33: 1 square, vertical
- 34: 1 square, vertical
- 35: 6 squares, horizontal
- 36: 7 squares, horizontal
- 37: 5 squares, horizontal
- 38: 8 squares, horizontal
- 39: 5 squares, horizontal
- 40: 6 squares, horizontal

Clues to the Election Campaign Crossword:

ACROSS:

- 3 - system or set of moral principles; rules of conduct
- 7 - an office or position assigned officially; engagement
- 9 - voters in a district represented by an elected official
- 10 - false profession of desirable or publicly approved qualities; pretense of having virtues
- 12 - oneness; a whole or totality; absence of diversity
- 13 - to try to influence the actions or votes of public officials in legislative or administrative decision
- 16 - a male child in relation to his parents (expression: "favorite ____")
- 17 - to appoint or propose for a duty or office
- 20 - work of little or no value done merely to look busy
- 24 - skill or eloquence in public speaking
- 27 - the dividing of a state into election districts to give one political party a majority
- 31 - first name of Democratic presidential nominee for 2000 election
- 32 - general erudition; acquaintance with facts, truths or principles
- 35 - preliminary election; first in rank or importance
- 36 - maneuvers for gaining advantage or success
- 37 - person who has failed significantly at something
- 38 - gained by association with another (expression: "riding the _____")
- 39 - to act in response to an agent, influence or stimulus
- 40 - the points, matters or disputes in question

DOWN:

- 1 - systematic course of aggressive activities for a specific purpose
- 2 - currently holding an indicated office
- 4 - a meeting of the members of a political party
- 5 - a formally drawn request (noun); to make an entreaty or request (verb)
- 6 - manner of conducting oneself
- 8 - preposition used to express direction or motion
- 11 - a specific district or area
- 14 - precedence or status obtained due to length of service
- 15 - to take out or pull back; to remove; to retreat
- 18 - pertaining to judgment in courts of justice
- 19 - person who signifies a choice upon casting a ballot; elector
- 21 - bitter quarrel or contention; argument
- 22 - number of members of a group required to be present to transact business (majority)
- 23 - branch of government having the power to make laws
- 25 - acts of disclosing or making known
- 26 - strange, unfamiliar; not within range of knowledge; not discovered
- 28 - civil officer charged with administration of the law; minor judicial officer (e.g. justice of the peace)
- 29 - person whose occupation is the taking of public samplings or opinions
- 30 - pertaining to persons who select or choose by vote
- 33 - person designated to represent others at a political convention
- 34 - where a voter marks his or her vote