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USA Presidential Election

Two weeks on from the American Election and Joe Biden has been declared the winner.

However, the current president Donald Trump is still not admitting defeat.



Joe Biden

President Trump has objected to votes being counted that came in by post after the election day. Voting by post has always been allowed in America but this year due to Covid-19, many millions of Americans decided to vote by post instead of going to the voting centres. More than 160 million people voted in this election.

Never before was there such worldwide interest in any election. Here in Ireland as news arrived of Biden's victory, there were celebrations in counties Mayo and Louth as Joe Biden's ancestors came from both of these counties. Joe Biden calls himself Irish and is hugely proud of his Irish heritage. In 2016, when he was US vice president, he paid a visit to Ireland along with his family and they met with his Irish relations.

Biden is seen as a good friend to Ireland and it is hoped that he will favour Ireland in any future deals especially Brexit. The Taoiseach Micheál Martin was among the first of the world leaders to phone Biden after the election. In the 20-minute phone call Biden promised support for Ireland on continuing peace in Northern Ireland and Brexit. He also said he hopes to visit Ireland again soon, this time as president.

This was Biden's 3rd time running for president. At 78, he will be the oldest US president ever to be elected. He first entered politics in 1974. He served as vice president to Barack Obama for two terms. In 1972, tragedy hit when his first wife Neilia and their baby daughter Naomi were killed in a car crash. His two little boys who were also in the car, survived. In 1977, he married his current wife Jill and they have one daughter Ashley. Further sadness was to follow when his eldest son, Beau died from cancer in 2015.

People close to Biden say that he is a warm and caring person who always has time for everyone from all political sides. He especially has time for those who have had tragedies in their lives like he himself.

Also making history in this election is Biden's running mate Kamala Harris. She will be the first woman and the first woman of colour to become vice president of the USA. Kamala's ancestors come from India and Jamaica.



Kamala Harris

January 20th 2021, will be Inauguration Day when Joe Biden and Kamala Harris will be sworn in as the 46th US president and vice president for the next four years. Among the many issues they will have to deal with will be the effects of COVID-19 right across America.

Katie does it again

Irish World champion women's boxer, Katie Taylor put on a masterclass display of boxing to defend her four world titles in Wembley Stadium in London last weekend.

Her opponent, Miriam Gutierrez from Spain, who had never before lost a fight, was no match for the outstanding Taylor.

Katie who comes from Bray in Co. Wicklow is not only one of Ireland's greatest athletes but is now the top female boxer in the world. Her speed, fitness, sharpness and huge determination is admired by followers of all sports across the world. She spends most of the year in the US



where her training camp is based.

Katie Taylor

When to use an apostrophe

An apostrophe looks like this: ' We use an apostrophe for different things.

1. We use it to show ownership: (look at where the ' is in these sentences)

Mrs. **Browne's** cat **Mary's** dog the **boy's** bike the **doctor's** hat

2. We use it in surnames that contain O: (after the O) **O'Brien** **O'Donnell** **O'Neill**

3. We use it when writing the time: (between o and clock) **3 o'clock** **six o'clock**

4. We use it to shorten words: so that we write them how we say them.

For example, think of when we say, **did not** we often make it shorter by saying **didn't**. We join **did not** together, and we leave out the 'o' in **not** and put in the apostrophe instead. So, **did not** becomes **didn't**.

Remember! Instead of using 2 words we join the 2 words and use ' instead of the missing letters.

did not	didn't
do not	don't
does not	doesn't
can not	can't
could not	couldn't
would not	wouldn't

have not	haven't
had not	hadn't
are not	aren't
is not	isn't
was not	wasn't
will not	won't

you are	you're
they are	they're
we are	we're
you have	you've
I have	I've

I am	I'm
he is	he's
it is	it's
we will	we'll
I will	I'll
she will	she'll

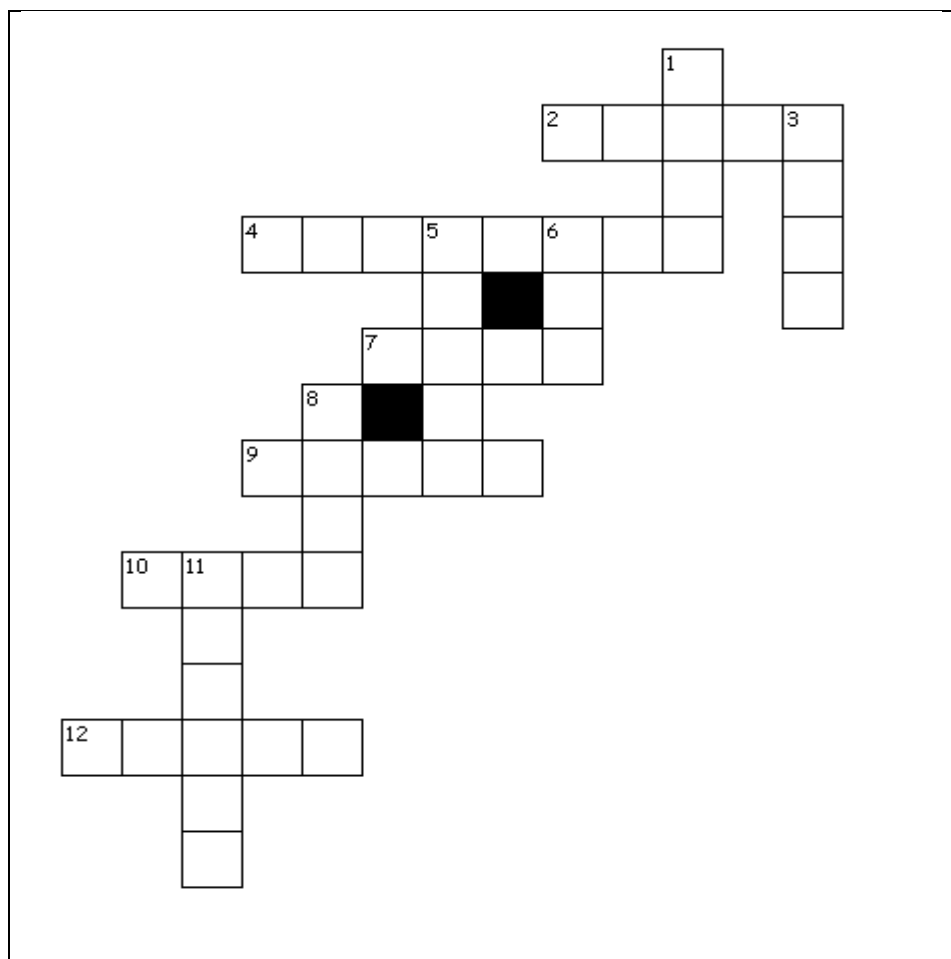
Write out the following replacing the underlined with words that have apostrophes.

I have a small dog called Sam. Sam is small and fat and he is my best friend. Yesterday I saw that Sams paw looked sore. I found the vets number and I rang him. He said I will have to bring him in at 2 o clock. The vets name is Pat O Dea and he is a very good vet and does not charge a lot of money. It is 5km to the vets and I do not have a car. I borrowed my sisters car. We are very close and share a lot of things, but she does not like dogs and was not too happy about giving the car to me. She said I will have to cover the seats. You would not believe what happened. I could not find anything to cover them with, so I did not cover the seats. The dog got sick all over the back seat. I do not know how I am going to tell my sister. She will not be happy. I do not think she will give me her car ever again.

ai sounds like ay

aid	air	fail	tail	main	stain	pain
paid	fair	rail	sail	remain	again	paint
afraid	hair	nail	jail	rain	plain	faint
maid	pair	snail	mail	train	complain	saint

Crossword The answers are all words from the list above.



Across

2. Type of transport
4. To give out about something
7. A _____ of shoes
9. Put a coat of _____ on the walls
10. Another word for prison
12. When you move slowly you are said to be like this creature

Down

1. An ache
3. Hit this with a hammer
5. Not fancy
6. You take this in when you take a breath
8. The dog wags this
11. Another word for scared

Choose a word from the list that has the **same meaning** as these

- Scared _____
- All equal _____
- Two of something _____
- Holy person _____
- Ache _____
- Did not pass _____
- Travel by boat _____
- Stay where you are _____
- Prison _____
- A dirty mark _____

Match the words below with its group name.

(The first one is done for you)

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|-------------|--------|
| • flowers | gang |
| • elephants | choir |
| • thieves | bunch |
| • singers | crowd |
| • sheep | herd |
| • wolves | chest |
| • bees | army |
| • drawers | team |
| • pearls | heap |
| • ants | string |
| • rubbish | swarm |
| • people | pack |
| • players | flock |

<p>1. Ann leaves home at 9.30 am. She drives the 25-minute trip to town. She spends 45 minutes shopping, 20 minutes in the bank and 15 minutes in the credit union before driving back home.</p> <p>What time does she arrive home?</p>	<p>2. Tom is going on a journey. When he has driven 14km he will have $\frac{1}{4}$ of his journey completed.</p> <p>How long is his journey in total?</p>
<p>3. When it is 4pm in New York it is 9 pm in Ireland.</p> <p>I am taking a flight from Ireland to New York the flight will take 6 hours and 45 minutes. My flight leaves at 2.45 pm (Irish time).</p> <p>What time will it be in New York when I arrive?</p> <p>Maths answers:</p> <div data-bbox="108 2049 608 2152"> <p>1, 11.40, 2, 56km 3 4.30pm 4 a 140km, b 7 L c €7.70</p> </div>	<p>4 . Bernie drives to work Monday to Friday which is a journey of 10km each way. On Saturday she drives to town for shopping which is 15km from her home and on Sunday she drives to see her friend which is a trip of 5km each way.</p> <p>a. How many km does Bernie drive every week?</p> <p>b. If Bernie 's car travels 20km using 1 litre of diesel. How many litres does she use every week?</p> <p>c. If diesel costs €1.10 a litre, what is her total diesel bill every week?</p>