

# Barack Obama



## Pre-Reading

### A. Warm-Up Questions

1. Who is the person in the picture?
2. What country is this person from?
3. Why is this person famous?

### B. Vocabulary Preview

Match the words on the left with the correct meanings on the right.

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|---------------------|--|
| ___ 1. mother       | a) a woman who has a child                 |
| ___ 2. father       | b) a person from America (the US)          |
| ___ 3. grandparents | c) a person from Africa                    |
| ___ 4. daughter     | d) the leader of a country, such as the US |
| ___ 5. move         | e) the mother and father of one's parents  |
| ___ 6. African      | f) a girl child                            |
| ___ 7. American     | g) a man who has a child                   |
| ___ 8. president    | h) to go from one place to another         |

# Reading

## ABOUT BARACK OBAMA

1. Barack Obama was born in Hawaii. Obama's **mother** was from Kansas. His **father** was from Kenya. He lived with his **grandparents**.
2. Barack Obama **moved** to the mainland. He went to law school and married Michelle. They had two **daughters**. Their daughters' names are Malia and Sasha.
3. Barack Obama became the 44th US **president** in 2009. He was the first **African American** president.



# Writing

## ABOUT ME

Finish the *About Me* sentences. Use your own personal information.

1. Barack Obama *was* born in Hawaii.

*I was* \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

3. Barack Obama *lives* in the United States.

*I live* \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

2. Barack Obama *has* a wife and two daughters.

*I have* \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

4. Barack Obama *is* African American.

*I am* \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

# Comprehension

## A. True or False?

Read the biography again, or listen to a recording.  
Write T if the statement is true. Write F if the statement is False.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Barack Obama is Armenian.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Barack Obama is married.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The Obamas have two daughters and one son.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Barack Obama was the fourth African American president.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Barack Obama was a student before he became a president.

## B. Forming Questions

Work with a partner. Here are the answers. What are the questions?

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Barack Obama's nationality is American.

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Barack Obama was born in Hawaii.

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Barack Obama lived with his grandparents.

4. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Barack Obama's wife's name is Michelle.

5. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The Obamas' daughters' names are Malia and Sasha.

## Pronunciation Practice

Listen to your teacher say these nations and nationalities.  
Practice saying these words out loud with a partner.

- Barack Obama is from America.  
He is American.

What nationality is your partner? Find out the nationalities of the other students in your classroom.

Nation	Nationality
America	American
Africa	African
Canada	Canadian
Britain	British
Australia	Australian

## Vocabulary Review

Circle the word that means the opposite of each word.

- |                |             |                |
|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1. daughter    | 3. father   | 5. teacher     |
| a) wife        | a) mother   | a) president   |
| b) son         | b) grandma  | b) grandparent |
| c) father      | c) American | c) student     |
| 2. grandmother | 4. move     | 6. born        |
| a) mother      | a) is       | a) died        |
| b) grandfather | b) stay     | b) lived       |
| c) sister      | c) have     | c) moved       |

## Listening

### A. Gap Fill

Listen to a recording of this reading.  
Fill in the gaps. Listen again and check your answers.

(**Audio:** <http://blog.esllibrary.com/2015/02/25/podcast-obama-beg/>)

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### B. Extra Practice

Do you want more listening practice? After you fill in the gaps in Part A, listen to the recording a few more times. Underline all of the place names and people's names.