

How is the American President elected?

Watch the video.

After the video is over, read these statements. Some of them are wrong. Cross out the wrong parts and correct them.

electoral

U.S. presidential elections are decided by the ~~popular~~ votes – the votes ~~directly~~ given ~~by the people.~~ **by the electors**

Each state votes for its candidates separately.

Some states have more influence than others – depending on their ~~economy.~~
population

Watch the video again. Now take notes on the different steps of the election.

	where? when?	who?	what?
step one	at the ballot box in each state “Election day” in November	voter	votes for his/her candidates (president / vice-president)
step two	in each state “Election day” in November	state	counts votes, determines winner
extra information: how a state’s influence is determined	in each state long before the election	in each state, the number of electors is determined by the population – the higher the population, the more districts there are; each district is given an elector	
step three	“Election Day”	electors OR candidates	all the electors from one state are “given”/awarded to the state’s winning candidate
step four	in Washington D.C. on January 20th	president-elect	inauguration day: president is sworn into office

These words might be helpful for your notes:

district(s) – population – voters – delegates – majority – elector(s) – senator(s) – national election – president-elect – inauguration day – (to) be sworn into office

What implications (=consequences) could this system have on the election?

The following video gives you an idea.

These words might be helpful to talk about the results.

popular vote – population changes – influence of states
