

# ELECTION SPEAK (STUDENT)

**DIRECTIONS:** Write your answers in the form of a question.

## CATEGORY: VERY IMPORTANT PEOPLE

1. one of the two major U.S. political parties, members of which will soon be choosing a candidate to represent them in the 2012 presidential election  
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2. one of the two major U.S. political parties, for which President Barack Obama is running for re-election  
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3. a political party that arises to challenge the two main parties  
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4. people chosen in state meetings and elections to support a particular candidate at a party's national convention  
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5. a group, established by the Constitution, consisting of people chosen by each state to formally elect the President and Vice President  
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## CATEGORY: WHAT'S THE WORD?

1. a kind of election, taking place in the winter and spring before the presidential election, in which party members in a state vote by secret ballot to indicate their preference for a particular candidate  
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2. meetings attended by political-party members in some states, at which members discuss the candidates and then choose which one they'll support  
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3. a list of a political party's positions on important issues  
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4. what voters in an election cast for the candidates of their choice  
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5. the number of people who vote on Election Day, a figure that has been low in the U.S. in recent years  
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## CATEGORY: PLACES AND TIMES

1. descriptive name for a state where voters typically vote for Republican presidential candidates  
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2. descriptive name for a state where voters typically vote for Democratic presidential candidates  
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3. a state with many electoral votes where either party has a good chance of winning; also known as a battleground state  
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4. nickname for March 6, 2012, because it is when the most states on a single day will hold primaries and caucuses  
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5. a meeting held by each of the two major political parties at which members formally nominate the party's candidates for President and Vice President  
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