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**SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the words from the article on the left with their synonyms on the right. Are your answers the same as other students’?

*Paragraphs 1 and 2*
1. selected  
2. nominee  
3. humble  
4. moved  
5. got into  
6. contest

*a. simple  
b. relocated  
c. candidate  
d. chosen  
e. competition  
f. became interested in*

*Paragraphs 3 and 4*
7. channel  
8. entered  
9. approach  
10. running mate  
11. firearms  
12. restricting

*g. style  
h. limiting  
i. station  
j. guns  
k. got into  
l. partner*

**PHRASE MATCH:** Match the following phrases from the article.

1. she was little-  
2. ... have taken her to  
3. very popular with the Republican  
4. She loved the  
5. she won her town’s  
6. a degree  
7. Her no-nonsense  
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10. she rarely gives

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b. of her views  
c. outdoor Alaskan life  
d. in journalism  
e. their hearts  
f. interviews  
g. known by most Americans  
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j. mate*
LISTENING GAP FILL:

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CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:
Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of italics.

Sarah Palin (born 1964) is the first woman to be *selection / selected* by America’s Republican Party as vice-presidential nominee. She is also governor of Alaska. Although she was little-*knowing / known* by most Americans, those in her party have *taken / put* her to their hearts. Her simple hockey mom image, humble background and Christian values are very *popular / popularity* with the Republican faithful.

Palin was born in Idaho *to / for* a school secretary mother and a science teacher father. Her family *removed / moved* to Alaska when she was a baby. She loved the outdoor Alaskan life and got *into / onto* moose hunting, fishing and long-distance running. She went to school in a small town called Wasilla, where she later became mayor. In 1984, she *beat / won* her town’s beauty contest.

Palin graduated *at / from* university in 1987 with a degree in journalism and got a job as a sports reporter for an Alaskan TV channel. She entered politics *as / was* a member of the Wasilla city council in 1992 and became mayor in 1996. Her no-nonsense approach to politics saw her rise *future / further*. In 2006, she was elected the first *never / ever* female governor of Alaska.

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SPELLING:
These jumbled words are from the text. Spell them correctly.

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SCRAMBLED SENTENCES
With your partner, put the words back into the correct order.

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3. very faithful Republican the with popular

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DISCUSSION (Write your questions):

STUDENT A’s QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What do you know about Sarah Palin?
2. Would you like to meet Sarah Palin?
3. What would you like to know about Sarah Palin and why?
4. __________________________________________________
5. __________________________________________________
6. __________________________________________________
7. __________________________________________________
8. __________________________________________________

DISCUSSION (Write your questions):

STUDENT B’s QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. What did you learn from this text about Sarah Palin?
2. What questions would you like to ask Sarah Palin?
3. What would her answers be to those questions?
4. __________________________________________________
5. __________________________________________________
6. __________________________________________________
7. __________________________________________________
8. __________________________________________________
THE SARAH PALIN SURVEY:
Write five questions about Sarah Palin in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

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Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.
WRITING:
Write about Sarah Palin for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other’s work.

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HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google’s search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about Sarah Palin. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. SARAH PALIN POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Sarah Palin. Show your poster to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all find out similar things?

4. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Sarah Palin. Include an imaginary interview with her. Write about what she does every day and what she thinks about.
Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to Sarah Palin. Ask her three questions about her life. Give her three suggestions on what she should do in her future. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your “Sarah Palin expert” partner(s) will try and answer your questions.
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ALL OTHER EXERCISES:
Look at the text on page 2.