



PLANT THE SEEDS TO GROW SPELLING AND WORD-SKILL LITERACY.

Primary Presidential Spelling Boxes

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1. Spell the name of the president who was nicknamed Honest Abe.

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Find and write a fact about this president. Give your source for the information you write. Proofread!

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2. Spell the name of the president who made Yellowstone our first national park in 1872.

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What is a national park? After you write your answer, find and write information about a national park. Then create a travel poster to advertise the park to families with children your age.

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3. Spell the name of the president who wrote the document called the Declaration of Independence.

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Explain in writing the purpose for the Declaration of Independence. Now, years after it was written, it is still so important to Americans that they celebrate the document and the event it stands for every year! Explain in writing why and how Americans celebrate this occasion. Proofread!

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4. Spell the name of the president who used the middle initial S, but the letter S did not stand for a name—he had no middle name.

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This president is given credit for two expressions, or ways of saying things, that people still say today. One is, "The buck stops here." The other is, "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen." What do you suppose these expressions mean? Explain your answer in writing with examples to help your readers understand. Proofread!

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5. Spell the name of the president who has the capital city of Wisconsin named for him.

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Every state has a capital city. Research and list which capital cities and which states were named for presidents. Remember names of places begin with a capital letter! Why do you suppose the capital city of your state was chosen to be the capital? Give reasons for your answer. Proofread!

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6. Spell the name of the president whose face is on the coin called the dime.

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Research and write the names of the presidents whose faces appear on the penny, nickel, quarter, one-dollar bill, five-dollar bill, and ten-dollar bill. Then invent a new coin or bill and decide what or who to picture on it. Explain in writing why the picture on your coin is a good choice. Proofread!

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9. Spell the name of the president who was the grandson of another US president with the same last name.



There are other presidents who were related. Two presidents' sons became president. Who were these two presidents and their sons? Do you think having a relative who is president makes a person more likely or less likely to want to be the president? Give reasons for your opinion in writing. Proofread!

Name _____

10. Spell the name of the president who was born in the month of July and lived longer than any other president.



Check out presidents' birthdays. Name the two presidents born on November 2. In which month were more presidents born than any other month? Then name all the presidents born in the same month as you.

Primary Presidential Spelling Boxes Answer Key

1. answer: Abraham Lincoln

2. answer: Ulysses Grant

3. answer: Thomas Jefferson

4. answer: Harry Truman. Note—George Washington, like Truman, had no middle name, but he did not adopt an initial.

5. answer: James Madison

answer: Capital cities besides Madison, WI named for presidents are Jefferson City, MO, Jackson, MS, and Lincoln, NE. Washington state is named for George Washington. Washington D.C. was also named for George Washington. Georgia was named for King George II of England.

6. answer: Franklin Roosevelt

answer: penny (Lincoln), nickel (Jefferson), quarter (Washington), one-dollar bill (Washington), five-dollar bill (Lincoln), ten-dollar bill (Hamilton)

7. answer: Ronald Reagan

8. answer: George Bush

9. answer: Benjamin Harrison

answer: George Herbert Walker Bush (41st president) is the father of George Walker Bush (43rd president) and John Adams (2nd president) is the father of John Quincy Adams (6th president).

10. answer: Gerald Ford

answer: On November 2, both James Polk (1795) and Warren Harding (1865) were born. More presidents were born in October than in any other month—John Adams, Rutherford Hayes, Chester Arthur, Theodore Roosevelt, Dwight Eisenhower, Jimmy Carter. Might note that both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson died on exactly the same day, July 4, 1826 (see item # 3, upper grades)

11. answer: George Washington

12. answer: John Adams

answer: A vice president can run and be elected president. A vice president can inherit the presidency if a president is assassinated or dies while in office, or if a president resigns.