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Political party - Democratic

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Obama entered Harvard Law School in late 1988. After graduating from Harvard in 1991, he returned to Chicago.

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- a) Obama had a white American father and a Kenyan mother T/F
- b) He is a member of the Republican Party T/F
- c) He has lived in Hawaii T/F
- d) His wife is called Ann T/F
- e) He spent 3 weeks in Kenya in 1988 T/F
- f) He has lived in Indonesia and Bali T/F
- g) He announced his candidacy for President in January 2003 T/F

## 2) Place some of the events in the text in chronological order to create a time line of Obama's life

1961	
2009	

## 3) There are 10 spelling mistakes underlined in the text. Write the correct spellings in alphabetical order. Use a dictionary if needed.

<b>A</b>	
	<b>U</b>

## 4) If you were President of the United States, what would be your first policy or law?

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## 2) A suggested timeline

1961	Born August 4
1964	His parents divorced
	Moved to Hawaii aged 10
	Attended Columbia University
1982	His father died
1988	Travelled to Europe for first time and to Kenya. Entered Harvard Law School.
1992-2004	Taught at University of Chicago Law School
1995	His mother died
2004	Elected to US Senate November
	His grandmother died
2009	Sworn in as US President Jan 20

## 3)

advance	divorced
announced	election
campaign	publicity
cancer	several
director	university

## 4) Students' personal answers

Note: A text with correct spellings is included on the next page for general reading comprehension work, display on a Smartboard, etc.

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Trace & understand the main events of chronological, continuous descriptive & explanatory texts of more than one paragraph (Rt/E3.1); continuous descriptive, explanatory & persuasive texts (Rt/L1.1). Ww/L1.1 Spell correctly words used most often in work, studies and daily life.