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Read some fantastic facts about Barack Obama.

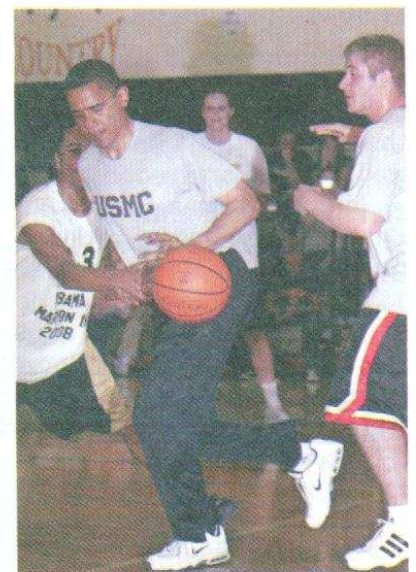
- Obama's full name is Barack Hussein Obama II.
- He was born on the 4th of August, 1961, to an African father and a white



Barack Obama with his wife and two daughters

American mother. He is the first African-American to be elected President of the United States of America.

- He was born in Honolulu, but went to live in Indonesia with his mum when his parents divorced. There he ate dog meat, snake meat, and roasted grasshopper.
- He is left-handed.
- He doesn't like ice-cream. He worked in Baskin-Robbins as a teenager. That's where his dislike for ice-cream comes from.
- As a teenager he took drugs. He says he is not proud of this fact.
- At high school he was very good at basketball.
- He is a graduate of Columbia University and Harvard Law School.
- He won a Grammy Award in 2006 for the audio version of his book, *Dreams from My Father*.
- He repaid his student loan only four years ago after signing his book deal.
- His house in Chicago has four fireplaces.



Barack Obama and basketball

Barack Hussein Obama II [bəˈrɔ:k huːsɛɪn əʊˈbɑ:mə dɪ ˈsɛkənd] Барак Хуссейн Обама II
to elect [ɪˈlekt] избирать
Honolulu [ˌhɒnəˈlu:lʊ:] Гонолулу (город и порт, административный центр Гавайских островов, США)
Indonesia [ˌɪndəʊˈni:zjə] Индонезия

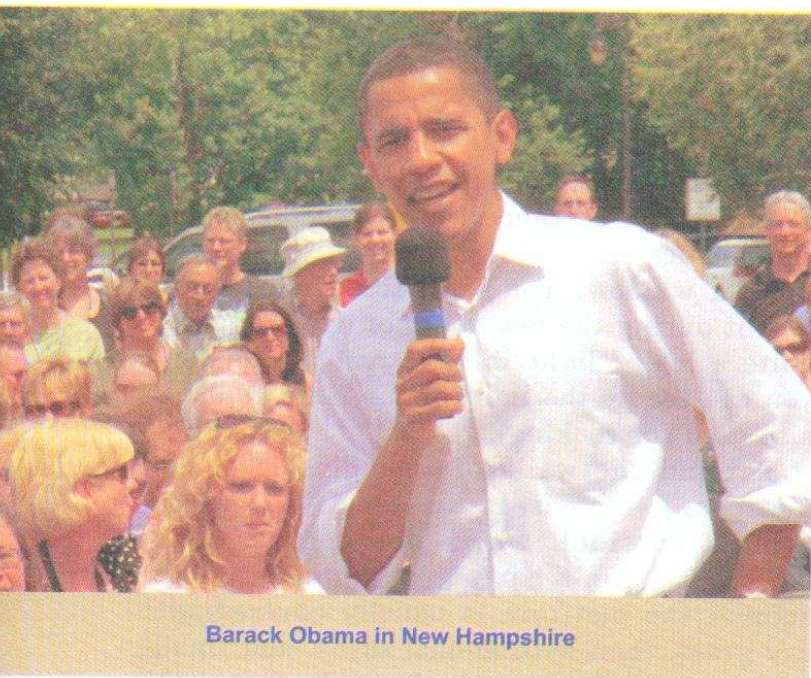
grasshopper [ˈgrɑ:s.hɒpə] кузнечик
to take drugs принимать наркотики
graduate [ˈgrædʒuət] выпускник
Columbia University [kəˌlʌmbiə u:nɪˈvɜ:sɪti] Колумбийский университет (один из наиболее престижных в США, находится в г. Нью-Йорке)

Harvard Law School [ˌhɑ:vəd ˈlɔ: sku:l] Гарвардская школа права (одна из лучших и старейших последипломных профессиональных школ)
audio version [ˈɔ:diəʊ vɜ:ʃn] аудиоверсия
to repay a student loan погасить, выплатить студенческий кредит

BARACK OBAMA

New President

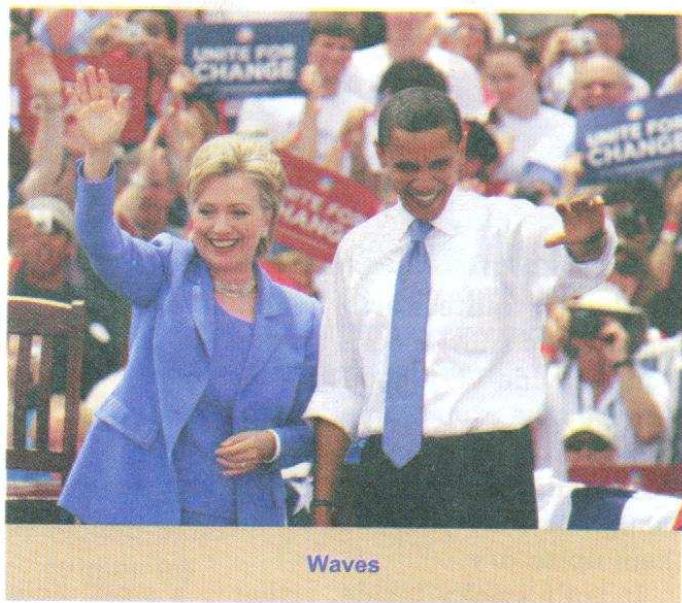
- His wife Michelle says that Barack is very romantic. He remembers every anniversary and brings her flowers all the time.
- He has read every Harry Potter book.
- He loves playing Scrabble.
- He can speak Spanish.



Barack Obama in New Hampshire

- His favourite book is *Moby Dick* by Herman Melville.
- His favourite films are *Casablanca* and *One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest*.
- He has two daughters. Malia, 10, wants to become an actress. Sasha, 7, wants to become a singer.
- He collects Spider-Man and Conan the Barbarian comics.

- He has a pair of red boxing gloves with Muhammad Ali's autograph.
- Every night when he is at home he reads the Harry Potter books to his daughter Malia.
- His favourite artist is Pablo Picasso.
- He doesn't drink coffee and rarely drinks alcohol. He smokes but wants to quit.
- During the presidential campaign he refused to watch news programmes and had sports channels on instead.
- He plans to build a basketball court in the White House grounds.
- He carries a tiny Madonna and child statue and a bracelet belonging to a soldier in Iraq for good luck.



Waves

to sign a book deal подписать договор об издании книги
fireplace камин

anniversary [ˌænɪˈvɜːsəri] годовщина, юбилей

Scrabble [ˈskræbl] «Скрабл» (игра в слова, похожая на игру «Эрудит»)

Casablanca [kæʃəˈblæŋkə] Касабланка» (американская романтическая драма, поставленная постановленной режиссером Майклом Кертисом)

One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest «Пролетая над гнездом кукушки» (фильм Милоша Формана по роману Кена Кизи)

autograph [ˈɔːtəgrɑːf] автограф

to quit [kwɪt] (quit) бросать

presidential campaign [prezɪˈdenʃl kəmˈpeɪn] избирательная президентская кампания

grounds [graʊndz] территория

tiny [ˈtaɪnɪ] очень маленький, крошечный