



## Kamala Harris Reading Comprehension

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Kamala Harris is the current Vice President of the United States. She has had other important jobs like District Attorney of San Francisco, the Attorney General of California, and as a Senator. Kamala Harris is from the state of California, but her parents were immigrants from India and Jamaica. Kamala Harris is the first Person of Color to hold the office of Vice President of the United States, as well as the first woman to be elected for the job.

As a young child, Kamala Harris's mother and father would bring her along to civil rights demonstrations. This introduced her to role models like Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall and others that shaped her sense of purpose as someone who would always fight for justice. To begin her career in fighting for those that could not fight for themselves, she became an attorney.

Kamala Harris joined the Alameda County District Attorney's Office in 1990. Her job was to work with victims of childhood abuse. Later in her career she became the chief of the Division on Children and Families for the city of San Francisco. In 2003, Kamala Harris became the District Attorney of San Francisco and created a program to help first-time drug offenders earn a high school diploma and find employment. Without her help, many people would be without education and jobs to support their families.

In 2017, Kamala Harris became a Senator for California. She was a member of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. She used her place of power to help DREAMers stay in the United States. The DREAMers Act (Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors) was put in place to ensure that children that were brought to the United States could achieve legal status as immigrants to finish their education. While working with immigrant children, Kamala Harris also determined that immigrant detention centers were substandard, and made the necessary changes to the centers to provide adequate living spaces.

Kamala Harris became Joe Biden's running mate for the 2020 Presidential election. Her goal was to unite a nation that was facing many challenges. Kamala Harris hopes to pave the way for other women and people of color to hold high offices within the United States by being a leader that is knowledgeable, responsible, and hard working.

**1. When did Kamala Harris become Senator of California?**

- a. After she became vice-president
- b. Before she was Alameda County District Attorney
- c. 2015
- d. After she became District Attorney of San Francisco

**2. Which of the following is NOT true about Kamala Harris?**

- a. She was the first woman vice-president
- b. She was the first Person of Color to vice-president
- c. She was the first woman governor of California
- d. Her parents were immigrants to the United States

**3. What are two reasons that Kamala Harris's Vice Presidency is unprecedented?**

- a. She is from a state that does not vote and is far away.
- b. She is a woman and a Person of Color.
- c. She has never had a hard job and she is very young.
- d. She has always been a politician and she likes to travel.

**4. What question is answered in paragraph 4?**

- a. Why did Kamala Harris become Joe Biden's running mate?
- b. What did Kamala Harris accomplish to help immigrant children?
- c. What did Kamala Harris accomplish to help first-time drug offenders
- d. When did Kamala Harris meet Thurgood Marshall?

**5. Explain why the DREAM Act is important to so many people in the US:**

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## **Answers**

- 1. D**
- 2. C**
- 3. B**
- 4. B**
- 5. Answers will vary**