Government and elections ◆ •6•

ballot
campaign contribution
candidate
coalition
constituent
dark horse
debate
election
election campaign

endorsement
exit poll
incumbent
landslide
majority
nonpartisan
plank
platform
political opponent

political party
poll
polling booth
smear campaign
speech
vote
voter

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Definition match-up: Government and elections *Match the following definitions with words from the vocabulary list. More than one word may fit some of the definitions.*

1. A person who runs for government: _____

2. Someone a candidate has to beat in an election: _____

3. A group of politicians and supporters with similar aims and

   beliefs: _____

4. Money given to a political party by a supporter: _____

5. The group of activities such as speeches and ads that candidates use to get

   elected: _____

6. A campaign that attacks the character of a political

   opponent: _____

7. All of the goals or aims of a candidate or party: _____

8. One goal or aim of a candidate: _____

9. An announcement of support for a candidate: _____

10. A piece of paper on which voters mark their choice: _____

11. A talk that candidates give to a crowd: _____

12. The current holder of a government office: _____

13. An event where candidates argue against each other to gain voter

support: _____

14. A survey to find out how people will vote: _____

15. A place where people cast their vote: _____

16. A survey to find out who people voted for after they come out of the polling

booth: _____

17. More than 50 percent of the vote: _____

18. An overwhelming victory in an election: _____

19. A government formed by the combination of more than one political

party: _____

20. An unknown candidate who does surprisingly well: _____

Collocation match-up: Election collocations *Match the election words in the vocabulary list with their collocations below.*

cast	exit	opposition	smear
coalition	free	party	swing
dark	landslide	run	voter

1. _____ party

2. _____ turnout

3. _____ government

4. _____ victory

5. _____ your vote

6. _____ horse

7. _____ for office

8. _____ campaign

9. _____ platform

10. _____ elections

11. _____ polls

12. _____ voter