

The 2026 US midterm elections

Vocabulary quiz

1. What is the difference between primary elections, midterm elections and general elections?

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2. What colour are both leading parties? What is their totem ? What is the nickname of one of these parties (and why)?

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3. What does gerrymandering mean?

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4. (What is a Senate filibuster?)

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The 119th American Congress before the midterms (eg slide)

The House of R.....	The S.....
- number of people?	- number of people?
- length of mandate ?	- length of mandate ?
- political breadown ?	- political breadown ?

Oral comprehension – Watch the video and take notes

What are the 5 most important reasons why the 2026 midterms are crucial ?

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What do you have to say about the source of the video ? Use your critical thinking.

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Match the definitions with the following words / expressions from the video

voting through the mail rather than in person	a watershed
to challenge smthg	to be rigged
loud	to trust
a pivotal moment	online betting
playing sb's money via an internet platform	a hearing
an audition in an investigation	endorsement
smthg that is fixed in advance due to cheating	mail-in votes
to have confidence in smthg	strident
to support a candidate	to put something to a test

What are the polls saying so far ? Why ? Should they be trusted ?

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Grammar

Write down at least 4 sentences using speculation about the midterms (you can actually use 1st or 3rd conditional, depending on the time you are speculating about ☺). The starting point of your sentences should necessarily be 'if...' .

This of course is to be continued after the midterm results !