

Election Recording:

As you may already know, the 2012 presidential elections recently took place in the United States. This year, Election Day was November 6th. It was on this day that Americans chose between the two main presidential candidates: Mitt Romney, the republican candidate, and Barack Obama, the democratic candidate.

The election process in the United States is a little different than the election process in France. Every four years, citizens who are 18 or older vote for a new president. However, the citizens don't vote directly for the president but rather for the Electors in their states. The Electors' votes then determine which candidate wins each of the 50 states. This year, for example, Obama won the state of Ohio's votes while Romney won Texas's votes. Each state has a certain amount of influence, a certain number of electoral votes, based on the state's population. In the end, the candidate who has won the majority of the electoral votes wins the election. Candidates are particularly interested in winning swing states. Swing states are states in which no single candidate or party has overwhelming support. Therefore winning these states is a great opportunity for a candidate to gain electoral votes. This year, Barack Obama was elected for his second term as U.S. president. His new term will start on January 20th, 2013.

For me, the 2012 presidential elections were unpredictable. I wasn't sure who would win! I hope that Obama will be a great leader over the next four years.