**Actuele lesbrief Engels – The 2022 Midterms**

**Voor de docent**

8 november zijn er verkiezingen in de Verenigde Staten. De zogenaamde Midterms.

**ERK-niveau**

Lezen B1 – *Lezen om informatie op te doen: Kan belangrijke feitelijke informatie begrijpen in korte verslagen en artikelen. (LEB1-3a)*

Leesstrategieën - *Kan de betekenis van zo nu en dan voorkomende onbekende woorden afleiden uit de context en de betekenis van zinnen herleiden, op voorwaarde dat het besproken onderwerp bekend is.*

**Intro**

American voters can cast their ballots next week in the midterm elections.

Assignment 1

You may use English-language Internet sources to help you.

a How many states are in the United States of America today?

b Who is the president of the United States?

c Does the current president of the United States belong to the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

**The 2022 Midterms**

On November 8, [Americans will vote in the midterms](https://www.timeforkids.com/g34/explains-midterm-elections-g3/?rl=en-650). What are midterm elections in the United States?

Assignment 2

Read the text. Connect the words and expressions that have the same meaning in the text.

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| 1. election | 1. activities in which people are asked what they think about something |
| 1. Congress | 1. available to anyone who is trying to get it |
| 1. up for grabs | 1. all the elected politicians that are responsible for making the law in the United States |
| 1. Governor | 1. to be the political party that has the greater number of votes |
| 1. at stake | 1. a fact or situation that worries you |
| 1. to hold the majority | 1. in a position to be lost or won |
| 1. the tiebreaking vote | 1. to make laws official |
| 1. polls | 1. the most important subjects or topics |
| 1. a ballot | 1. the number of people who vote in an election |
| 1. to cast a ballot | 1. person who is the leader of the government of a state |
| 1. turnout | 1. the process in which people vote for a person to have a seat in their government |
| 1. big issues | 1. rules made by the government of a state |
| 1. a concern | 1. a ticket or piece of paper used to vote in an election |
| 1. to enact laws | 1. to vote |
| 1. state laws | 1. the vote that decides the outcome |

Assignment 3

a What are the midterm elections?

1 Elections in which Americans will vote if they want to keep their president.

2 Elections in which members of the United States Congress are elected.

3 Elections in which the governors and presidents of 36 states will be chosen.

4 Elections in which the seats and houses of congress members are up for grabs.

b What are the expectations for the midterm elections of 2022?

1 The Democrats will win 35 of 100 Senate seats.

2 The Democrats will win a majority in the House of Representatives.

3 The Republicans will win a majority in the House of Representatives.

4 The Republicans will win all 435 seats in the House of Representatives.

c What do voters see as the most important issue in the 2022 midterm elections?

1 Climate change.

2 Policies.

3 The economy.

4 The local races.