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| Gerald Ford (1974 - 1977) Exercises | about-the-world.org/3968 | Video and exercises |

**Match terms**

*Task: Match each term with the appropriate explanation!*

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| (D) | Whip Inflation Now | (1) | stagnant growth and rising prices |
| (E) | Leslie Lynch King Jr. | (2) | resigned as vice president |
| (E) | Détente | (3) | Gerald Ford’s birth name |
| (I) | Watergate scandal | (4) | position held by Ford |
| (N) | 25th Amendment | (5) | led to Nixon’s resignation |
| (P) | Stagflation | (6) | Ford’s economic program |
| (R) | Spiro Agnew | (7) | Ford’s foreign policy focus |
| (S) | House Minority Leader | (8) | used to appoint Ford |
| (T) | Gerald R. Ford Sr. | (9) | Ford’s stepfather |

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**Complete sentences**

*Task: Match the beginning of each sentence with the end!*

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| (A) | His foreign policy ... | (1) | ... was born in Nebraska. |
| (E) | Ford became ... | (2) | ... in the U.S. Navy. |
| (L) | Ford faced ... | (3) | ... president in 1974. |
| (O) | Gerald Ford ... | (4) | ... Richard Nixon. |
| (P) | Ford remained ... | (5) | ... significant economic challenges. |
| (R) | He pardoned ... | (6) | ... focused on détente. |
| (V) | He served ... | (7) | ... active in public life. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | What was Gerald Ford’s birth name? |
| (P) | Leslie Lynch King Jr. |
| (R) | Richard Nixon |
| (V) | Gerald R. Ford Sr. |
| 2. | Who resigned leading to Ford’s vice presidency? |
| (A) | Gerald R. Ford Sr. |
| (E) | Spiro Agnew |
| (S) | Richard Nixon |
| 3. | What was the economic situation during Ford’s presidency? |
| (M) | Great Depression |
| (N) | Stagflation |
| (R) | Economic boom |
| 4. | What was Ford’s economic program called? |
| (C) | Whip Inflation Now |
| (R) | Great Society |
| (V) | New Deal |
| 5. | What was the focus of Ford’s foreign policy? |
| (A) | Imperialism |
| (I) | Détente |
| (S) | Isolationism |
| 6. | What did Ford do after his presidency? |
| (L) | Remained active in public life |
| (R) | Retired from public life |
| (V) | Ran for president again |

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**Right or wrong?**

*Task: State whether the statements are true or false!*

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| right | wrong |  |
| (P) | (V) | 1. Gerald Ford was born in Nebraska. |
| (F) | (O) | 2. Ford was born in Michigan. |
| (R) | (M) | 3. Ford served in the U.S. Army. |
| (M) | (R) | 4. Ford served in the U.S. Navy. |
| (E) | (T) | 5. Ford became president in 1974. |
| (A) | (S) | 6. Ford became president in 1973. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

*Task: Answer the questions in one or two complete sentences!*

What was Gerald Ford’s early life like?

What was Ford’s political career before the presidency?

How did Ford become vice president?

What was the state of the nation when Ford became president?

What was one of Ford’s most controversial decisions as president?

What were the economic challenges during Ford’s presidency?

What did Ford do after his presidency?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Gerald Ford (1974 - 1977)**

**Match terms**

Stagflation = stagnant growth and rising prices

Spiro Agnew = resigned as vice president

Leslie Lynch King Jr. = Gerald Ford’s birth name

House Minority Leader = position held by Ford

Watergate scandal = led to Nixon’s resignation

Whip Inflation Now = Ford’s economic program

Détente = Ford’s foreign policy focus

25th Amendment = used to appoint Ford

Gerald R. Ford Sr. = Ford’s stepfather

Keyword: PRESIDENT

**Complete sentences**

Gerald Ford | was born in Nebraska.

He served | in the U.S. Navy.

Ford became | president in 1974.

He pardoned | Richard Nixon.

Ford faced | significant economic challenges.

His foreign policy | focused on détente.

Ford remained | active in public life.

Keyword: OVERLAP

**Questions**

What was Gerald Ford’s birth name?

Leslie Lynch King Jr.

Who resigned leading to Ford’s vice presidency?

Spiro Agnew

What was the economic situation during Ford’s presidency?

Stagflation

What was Ford’s economic program called?

Whip Inflation Now

What was the focus of Ford’s foreign policy?

Détente

What did Ford do after his presidency?

Remained active in public life

Keyword: PENCIL

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Gerald Ford was born in Nebraska.

4. Ford served in the U.S. Navy.

5. Ford became president in 1974.

wrong

6. Ford became president in 1973.

2. Ford was born in Michigan.

3. Ford served in the U.S. Army.

Keyword: FINGER

**Solution sheet 2**

**Gerald Ford (1974 - 1977)**

**Questions and answers**

What was Gerald Ford’s early life like?

Gerald Ford was born in Nebraska and grew up in Michigan. He attended the University of Michigan and served in the U.S. Navy.

What was Ford’s political career before the presidency?

Ford was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1948 and served for 25 years. He became the House Minority Leader in 1965.

How did Ford become vice president?

Ford was appointed vice president by President Richard Nixon after Spiro Agnew resigned.

What was the state of the nation when Ford became president?

The nation was in crisis following the Watergate scandal. Ford aimed to restore trust in the government.

What was one of Ford’s most controversial decisions as president?

One of Ford’s most controversial decisions was to pardon Richard Nixon for any crimes he committed while in office.

What were the economic challenges during Ford’s presidency?

The United States faced significant economic challenges, including high inflation and unemployment. The economy was struggling with stagflation.

What did Ford do after his presidency?

After leaving the presidency, Ford remained active in public life. He served on various boards and continued to speak on political issues.