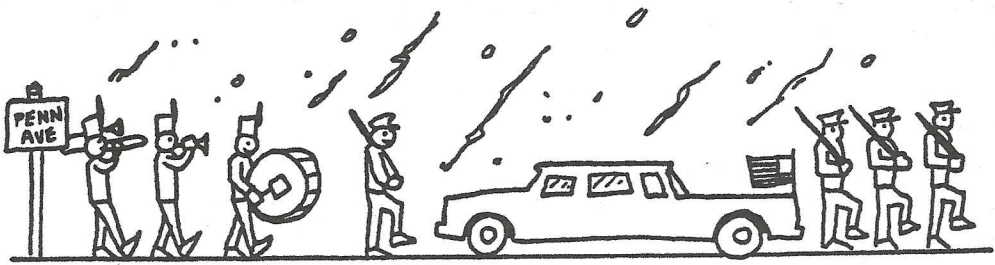
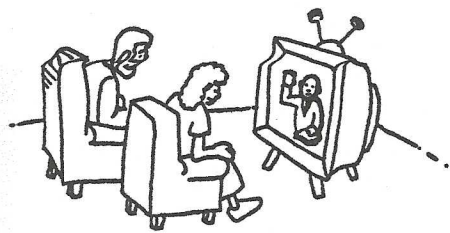


INAUGURATION DAY

1. Every four years, Americans elect a new president. The election is in November. The new president begins to work on January 20. This day is called Inauguration Day. *Inauguration* means beginning.

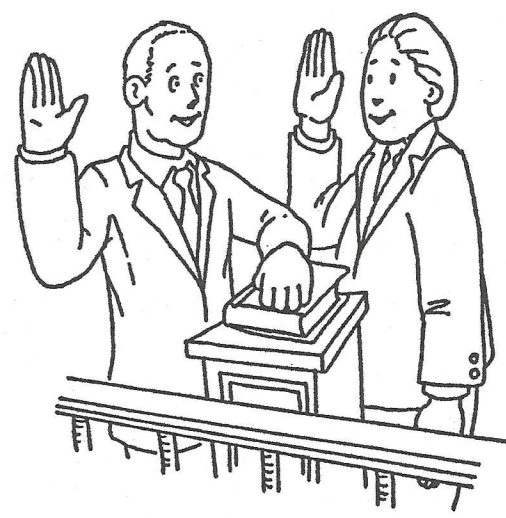


2. There is a big parade in Washington, D.C. Soldiers, bands, and beautiful floats parade down Pennsylvania Avenue. Thousands of people come to see the parade.



3. *Other people watch the inauguration on television. All the "VIPs" in the government are there. (VIP = very important person)*

4. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court inaugurates the President. The new president puts his or her hand on the Bible and declares:



5. "I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of the President of the United States and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States."

6. Then the new president makes a speech. The new president tells the American people what he or she plans to do.



7. In the evening, there are many parties, or balls. People celebrate the inauguration. The President goes to many of these inaugural balls. The President greets the VIPs and the people who helped with the election.

INAUGURATION DAY: VOCABULARY BUILDING

- I. Do you know these words? Find these words in the story. Draw a line under them. Copy the words. Write the meanings.

inaugurate	solemnly
inauguration	swear
elect	faithfully
<i>election</i>	<i>execute</i>
president	ability
beginning	preserve
parade	protect
soldiers	defend
band	constitution
ceremony	speech
VIP	plan
chief justice	celebrate
Supreme Court	inaugural ball
Bible	greet
declare	

II. Answer:

1. What happens on Inauguration Day? _____
2. When is Inauguration Day? _____
3. Who is the new president of the United States?

4. Who is the new vice president?

5. Who are some other VIPs?

6. What does the new president declare when he is inaugurated?

7. What happens in the evening? _____