

Social
Studies
Unit 2



THE PRESIDENT



Hello! My name is Ashifa.
I am super excited
because I am going to fly
on a plane! Do you know
where I'm going? I am
going with my family to
Washington, D.C. to visit
the White House. Have
you ever heard of the
White House? I wonder
who lives there...



We have made it to the White House! This house is huge! I still don't know who would live in a house this big. Finally, my mom tells me that this is the home and office of the president of the United States of America. I've heard of the president before but I don't really know what the president does. We are going to take a tour of the White House. Maybe if I listen carefully, I will learn all about the president's jobs.

Vocabulary:

elected: choosing a
person by voting



One of the jobs of the president is being the chief executive of our government. The government is a group of people that are **elected** by the people and make decisions for our cities, states and country.



Vocabulary:

bills: suggestions of
new laws for our
country

As the chief executive the president makes sure that laws are followed. He can also sign off on **bills** so that they can become new laws for our country.



Vocabulary:

budget: a plan that shows how much money might be spent on something

Running a country is very expensive, so the president prepares the national budget. The budget shows how much money the country might need to spend and how much money it might make back.



The president is also known as the Commander in Chief. The Commander in Chief is in control of our country's military. This is very important because our military makes sure that we are safe.



Well, I am on my way home after my fun White House visit. I did not realize that the president has so many important jobs. I think I will keep on learning about the president so that maybe I can have that job one day!