

## Jimmy Kimmel interviews Obama

Video source: <https://ytcropper.com/cropped/rD5be5375f6f792>

1. Look at the picture at the start of the video: **who are** Jimmy Kimmel and Barack Obama?
2. Watch the video one first time. **When** do you think this interview took place?
3. Watch the video again. **What does Obama say about his wife**, Michelle?
4. Now watch the video again. Fill in the **gaps** in the transcript and **choose the right word** when given more than one alternative. For each gap, you will need to write more than one word. You can pause and rewind the video by using this link <https://youtu.be/rDujVSXYcrY?t=40>, if you want.

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Jimmy Kimmel [laughs]

Jimmy: I know you have to leave, but can we (2) \_\_\_\_\_ years?

[audience claps]

Obama: She is... she is spectacular, but I (3) \_\_\_\_\_ : Michelle was never *wild/wide/wine* about politics. Michelle... once explained to me: I try to organise my life (4) \_\_\_\_\_ mess around and politics is just a big mess

J: yeah

O: she said... but she.. [laughs] I still (5) \_\_\_\_\_ thinking about running for president she said (6) \_\_\_\_\_, I think you would make an outstanding president, and I would work so hard to.. to make sure you were president, you're (7) \_\_\_\_\_ we need, if (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to you!

5. If you struggled with the previous exercise, try this version in which you are given the number of words to write in each gap:

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Jimmy Kimmel [laughs]

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[audience claps]



# Snippets of ELT

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J: yea

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6. Now focus on the pronunciation of *were* and *weren't* in the text: listen again and make notes on how they are pronounced, then look up how *were* and *weren't* are pronounced in a UK accent on <https://youglish.com/>. Do you notice any differences?