Presidential Elections (USA)

The president is elected every 4 years.
(By tradition these happen to be leap years).

There are three ballots:

1. Primary elections
2. National party convention
3. Presidential election

Ad 1: Several candidates strive to become a party's official nominee and thus its presidential candidate in so-called primary elections or party caucuses in each of the 50 U.S. states.

Ad 2 : The party's official candidate is nominated by delegates at a national party convention.

Ad 3 : The Americans are entitled to vote and elect an electoral college. (Each state is allocated a number of electors that is equal to the size of its delegation in both houses of Congress combined)

Principle: "the winner takes it all": the party and its candidate having the most votes in a State will appoint the electoral college for that state. Whoever candidate will get the votes of the majority of all electors nationwide will become President.