

Lesson 11

READ THIS STORY #1, Basic

The White House

In the city of Washington, there is an executive mansion where the President lives. It was not planned to be a palace. The President lives there while he is in office. When he is no longer President, he must move. All of the presidents except Washington have lived in the mansion.

It is difficult to imagine that the British once captured the city and did a lot of damage to many buildings. They even set fire to the President's mansion. The men who restored the building covered the blackened walls with thick white paint. That was when the mansion began to be called "The White House."