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**Level 4 – 4th April, 2021**

## UK report on racism draws criticism

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210404-racism-4.html>

A report on racism has been criticised. The Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities was set up in the UK last year after the death of George Floyd. The commission said racism remains a "real force," but said the UK is no longer "deliberately rigged against ethnic minorities". It said people use racism as a "catch-all explanation" for not getting ahead. It added things like geography, culture and religion have a bigger impact on success in life.

Critics of the report called it "a truly historic denial of the scale of race inequality". A UK politician was deeply critical of the report. He accused the government of "gaslighting" the British public. He tweeted: "For my own mental well-being I am not doing media interviews on the race commission today. Like so many in Britain's Black community, I'm tired of the endless debate about whether structural racism exists with little desire to actually address it."

Sources: <https://www.npr.org/2021/04/01/983499592/u-k-government-report-draws-criticism-over-historic-denial-of-race-issues>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210404-racism-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                   |                       |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. A report on racism has been    | a. not getting ahead  |
| 2. set up in                      | b. of George Floyd    |
| 3. after the death                | c. on success in life |
| 4. racism remains a real          | d. the UK last year   |
| 5. deliberately rigged against    | e. force              |
| 6. a "catch-all explanation" for  | f. ethnic minorities  |
| 7. things like geography, culture | g. criticised         |
| 8. have a bigger impact           | h. and religion       |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. a truly historic denial    | a. critical of the report |
| 2. A UK politician was deeply | b. racism exists          |
| 3. gaslighting the British    | c. well-being             |
| 4. For my own mental          | d. Black community        |
| 5. Like so many in Britain's  | e. address it             |
| 6. I'm tired of the endless   | f. public                 |
| 7. whether structural         | g. debate                 |
| 8. little desire to actually  | h. of the scale           |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A report on racism (1) \_\_\_\_\_. The Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities was (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the UK last year after (3) \_\_\_\_\_ George Floyd. The commission said racism remains (4) \_\_\_\_\_ but said the UK is no longer "deliberately rigged against ethnic minorities". It said people use racism as a "catch-all explanation" for (5) \_\_\_\_\_. It added things like geography, culture and religion have a (6) \_\_\_\_\_ success in life.

Critics of the report called it "a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of the scale of race inequality". A UK politician (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of the report. He accused the government of "gaslighting" (9) \_\_\_\_\_. He tweeted: "For my own mental well-being I am not (10) \_\_\_\_\_ on the race commission today. Like so many in Britain's Black community, I'm tired of (11) \_\_\_\_\_ about whether structural racism exists with little desire to (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# RACISM SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210404-racism-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about racism in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

