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Toronto mayor smoked crack cocaine

8th November, 2013

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1311/131108-toronto-mayor-5.html>

The under-pressure mayor of Toronto Rob Ford has admitted he smoked crack cocaine. He denied press allegations about it for months. Fighting back the tears, Ford apologised to Toronto citizens at an emotional press conference. He said he had let them down. He said he smoked the drug when he was drunk and that he was not a drug addict or an alcoholic. The Toronto police announced it had a video of him actually smoking the drug. The media had been running stories about his drug use for months but Ford continually denied them.

Despite calls for his resignation, Mr Ford said he would stay in office. He also vowed to fight for a second term in office at the next election. He said he would continue doing the job he was elected to do. He added: "I know I have to regain your trust and confidence." He told the public that he would never repeat his wrongdoing. At a press conference, he said: "Folks, I have nothing left to hide. I would do anything, absolutely anything to change the past, but the past is the past and we must move forward. I want to be crystal clear. These mistakes will never, ever, ever happen again."

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-24829046>
<http://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/toronto-mayor-rob-ford-won-t-resign-after-admitting-he-smoked-crack-cocaine-1.1528841>

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. under- | a. for months |
| 2. admitted he | b. the tears |
| 3. He denied press allegations | c. had a video of him |
| 4. Fighting back | d. about it for months |
| 5. He said he had let | e. pressure mayor |
| 6. a drug addict or | f. them down |
| 7. police announced it | g. smoked crack cocaine |
| 8. running stories about his drug use | h. an alcoholic |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Despite calls | a. in office |
| 2. Mr Ford said he would stay | b. trust and confidence |
| 3. He also vowed to fight | c. for his resignation |
| 4. continue doing the job | d. is the past |
| 5. I know I have to regain your | e. his wrongdoing |
| 6. he would never repeat | f. he was elected to do |
| 7. the past | g. clear |
| 8. I want to be crystal | h. for a second term |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The (1) _____ Toronto Rob Ford has admitted he smoked crack cocaine. He denied (2) _____ it for months. Fighting back the tears, Ford apologised to Toronto citizens at an emotional press conference. He said he (3) _____. He said he smoked the drug when he was drunk and that he was (4) _____ or an alcoholic. The Toronto police announced it had a video of him actually smoking the drug. The media (5) _____ stories about his drug use for months but Ford (6) _____.

Despite calls (7) _____, Mr Ford said he would stay in office. He also vowed to fight (8) _____ in office at the next election. He said he would continue doing the job (9) _____. He added: "I know I have to regain your trust and confidence." He told the public that he would never (10) _____. At a press conference, he said: "Folks, I have (11) _____. I would do anything, absolutely anything to change the past, but the past is the past and we must move forward. I want (12) _____. These mistakes will never, ever, ever happen again."

DRUGS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about drugs 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) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

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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) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

