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Australian deputy PM disqualified over dual citizenship

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THE READING

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Australia's deputy leader Barnaby Joyce has been disqualified from his position because he held dual citizenship when he was elected. Four other politicians were also disqualified. Holding two passports made them dual citizens. This made them ineligible for being a "subject or citizen of a foreign power". Australia's constitution prohibits dual nationals from being elected. Australia's ruling National Party* now has just 75 seats in the 150-seat House of Representatives. Mr Joyce could return to office by running in a by-election. He renounced his New Zealand citizenship in August.

Mr Joyce said the court's decision showed the democratic values of Australia. He said: "I respect the verdict of the court. We live in a marvelous democracy...It has given us all the freedoms we see. I thank the court." He added: "The decision of the court today is clearly not the outcome we were hoping for, but the business of government goes on." Many Australians believe the dual citizenship laws should be changed. Around 28 per cent of Australians were born overseas. Many have a family history going back generations that could allow them to have dual citizenship.

*CORRECTION: Australia's current government is a coalition between the Liberal Party and the National Party. The Prime Minister is Malcolm Turnbull from the Liberal Party. Barnaby Joyce is from the National Party.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. disqualified | a. by-election |
| 2. he held | b. of a foreign power |
| 3. Holding two passports made them | c. dual citizenship |
| 4. a subject or citizen | d. citizenship |
| 5. Australia's ruling | e. to office |
| 6. Mr Joyce could return | f. from his position |
| 7. running in a | g. dual citizens |
| 8. He renounced his New Zealand | h. National Party |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. the court's | a. generations |
| 2. the democratic values | b. democracy |
| 3. I respect the verdict of | c. goes on |
| 4. We live in a marvelous | d. of Australia |
| 5. not the outcome we | e. overseas |
| 6. the business of government | f. the court |
| 7. born | g. decision |
| 8. a family history going back | h. were hoping for |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Australia's deputy leader Barnaby Joyce (1) _____ from his position because he held dual citizenship when (2) _____. Four other politicians were also disqualified. Holding two passports made (3) _____. This made them ineligible for being a "subject or citizen of a foreign power". Australia's constitution prohibits (4) _____ being elected. Australia's ruling National Party now has (5) _____ in the 150-seat House of Representatives. Mr Joyce could return to office by (6) _____ by-election. He renounced his New Zealand citizenship in August.

Mr Joyce said the court's decision showed the (7) _____ Australia. He said: "I (8) _____ of the court. We live in a marvelous democracy....It has given us (9) _____ we see. I thank the court." He added: "The decision of the court today is clearly (10) _____ we were hoping for, but the business of government goes on." Many Australians (11) _____ citizenship laws should be changed. Around 28 per cent of Australians were born overseas. Many have a family history going (12) _____ could allow them to have dual citizenship.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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DUAL CITIZENSHIP SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171029-dual-citizenship-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about dual citizenship 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) _____

