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## Level 4
## Swaziland changes its name to eSwatini

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

# THE READING

Swaziland's King Mswati III has changed his country's name to eSwatini. This means "land of the Swazis". The king is an absolute monarch, so he has the power to change his country. He spoke at the nation's Golden Jubilee celebrations, which was also his 50th birthday. He said: "African countries, on getting independence, reverted to their...names before they were colonized. So from now on, the country will officially be known as...eSwatini."

King Mswati often uses eSwatini in his parliament, and at the UN and the African Union. Swaziland got its independence from Britain in 1968 but kept its colonial name. Other former British colonies changed their names. Nyasaland became Malawi and Rhodesia became Zimbabwe. King Mswati said that people would no longer confuse his country with Switzerland. The UN, Google Maps and Internet companies now have to change their databases.

Sources:       https://**mpumalanganews.co.za**/335886/king-mswati-iii-renames-swaziland-kingdom-eswatini/
               http://**allafrica.com**/stories/201804200114.html
               https://**www.nytimes.com**/2018/04/19/world/africa/swaziland-eswatini-name-change.html

# PHRASE MATCHING

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

| | |
|---|---|
| 1.  King Mswati III has changed | a.  monarch |
| 2.  land | b.  on |
| 3.  The king is an absolute | c.  celebrations |
| 4.  he has the power | d.  independence |
| 5.  the nation's Golden Jubilee | e.  his country's name |
| 6.  getting | f.  colonized |
| 7.  before they were | g.  of the Swazis |
| 8.  from now | h.  to change his country |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|---|---|
| 1.  in his | a.  colonies |
| 2.  at the UN and the | b.  name |
| 3.  Swaziland got its independence | c.  parliament |
| 4.  kept its colonial | d.  databases |
| 5.  former British | e.  African Union |
| 6.  Rhodesia became | f.  with Switzerland |
| 7.  confuse his country | g.  from Britain |
| 8.  change their | h.  Zimbabwe |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

Swaziland's King Mswati III (1) _____ country's name to eSwatini. This means "land of the Swazis". The king is (2) _____, so he has the power to change his country. He spoke (3) _____ Golden Jubilee celebrations, (4) _____ his 50th birthday. He said: "African countries, on getting independence, (5) _____...names before they were colonized. So (6) _____, the country will officially be known as...eSwatini."

King Mswati often uses eSwatini (7) _____, and at the UN and the African Union. Swaziland (8) _____ from Britain in 1968 but kept (9) _____. Other former British colonies (10) _____. Nyasaland became Malawi and Rhodesia became Zimbabwe. King Mswati said that people (11) _____ confuse his country with Switzerland. The UN, Google Maps and Internet companies now have (12) _____ databases.

# PUT A SLASH ( / )WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# COUNTRY NAMES SURVEY

From   https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180422-eswatini-4.html

Write five GOOD questions about country names 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) _____

# WRITING

Write about **country names** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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