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Level 4 – 25th April, 2022

Hundreds of unpunished crimes at UK royal palaces

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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/2204/220425-royal-palaces-4.html>

People think London's royal palaces might have tight security. However, statistics show that in the past three years, 470 crimes have taken place near them. Most of these have gone unpunished. London's police said the offences took place at Buckingham Palace and other palaces between 2019 and 2021. The crimes included arson, theft, robbery, and violence. In less than one per cent of the crimes, someone was cautioned, fined or charged.

A former head of the UK's royal protection service said this was "frightening". He questioned what the statistics said about the current security. He said he'd be worried if, "these offences have an impact on the personal safety of the royals". London's police said it was responsible for the security of royal palaces, but would not comment on such matters. It said most of the offences were thefts. It added the police always "pursue all viable...lines of enquiry".

Sources: <https://www.standard.co.uk/news/london/crimes-buckingham-palace-kensington-palace-st-james-palace-clarence-house-b995751.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. royal palaces might have | a. robbery, and violence |
| 2. in the past | b. place near them |
| 3. 470 crimes have taken | c. fined or charged |
| 4. Most of these have gone | d. Buckingham Palace |
| 5. the offences took place at | e. of the crimes |
| 6. arson, theft, | f. unpunished |
| 7. In less than one per cent | g. tight security |
| 8. someone was cautioned, | h. three years |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. head of the UK's royal | a. safety of the royals |
| 2. He questioned what the | b. were thefts |
| 3. these offences have | c. statistics said |
| 4. the personal | d. of enquiry |
| 5. responsible for the security | e. an impact |
| 6. comment on such | f. protection service |
| 7. It said most of the offences | g. matters |
| 8. pursue all viable lines | h. of royal palaces |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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People think London's royal palaces (1) _____ security.

However, (2) _____ in the past three years, 470 crimes

have taken (3) _____. Most of these have gone

unpunished. London's police said (4) _____ place at

Buckingham Palace and other palaces between 2019 and 2021. The crimes

included (5) _____, and violence. In less than one per

cent of the crimes, someone was cautioned, (6) _____.

A former head of the UK's (7) _____ said this was

"frightening". He questioned (8) _____ said about the

current security. He said he'd be worried if, "these offences

(9) _____ on the personal safety of the royals".

London's police said it (10) _____ the security of royal

palaces, but would not comment (11) _____. It said

most of the offences were thefts. It added the police always "pursue

(12) _____ of enquiry".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ROYAL PALACES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about royal palaces 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) _____

