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## **Level 4**

### **Putin says Prince Charles comment 'unroyal'**

**25th May, 2014**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1405/140525-vladimir-putin-4.html>

President Vladimir Putin said Prince Charles' comments about him were "not royal". The prince compared Mr Putin's actions in Crimea to those of the Nazis in World War II. This caused a lot of argument in Britain and Russia. Mr Putin told reporters he had not heard the exact words. He said: "This is definitely unacceptable if this is true." He added: "I know him and members of the royal family personally and this was not royal behaviour."

Mr Putin said Prince Charles' comments would not damage relations between the two nations. He said both he and Britain were "guided by national interests". He added: "All this will pass quite quickly and we'll continue to co-operate". The prince and president will meet in France next month. The meeting will probably go smoothly. They will follow the rules of diplomatic behaviour. Britain's leader David Cameron said the prince could voice his opinions.

Sources: <http://en.itar-tass.com/russia/733147>  
[http://voiceofrussia.com/news/2014\\_05\\_24/Prince-Charles-drawing-parallel-with-Hitler-an-act-of-non-royal-behavior-Putin-2702/](http://voiceofrussia.com/news/2014_05_24/Prince-Charles-drawing-parallel-with-Hitler-an-act-of-non-royal-behavior-Putin-2702/)  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-27558825>

# MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1405/140525-vladimir-putin-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| 1. Prince Charles'                     | a. if this is true   |
| 2. This caused a lot                   | b. family personally |
| 3. he had not heard the                | c. comments          |
| 4. This is definitely unacceptable     | d. behaviour         |
| 5. I know him and members of the royal | e. of argument       |
| 6. royal                               | f. exact words       |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                    |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. damage relations between     | a. smoothly        |
| 2. guided by national           | b. the two nations |
| 3. All this will pass           | c. opinions        |
| 4. we'll continue               | d. interests       |
| 5. The meeting will probably go | e. quite quickly   |
| 6. voice his                    | f. to co-operate   |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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President Vladimir Putin said Prince Charles' (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
were "not royal". (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Mr Putin's actions in Crimea to  
those of the Nazis in World War II. This (3) \_\_\_\_\_  
argument in Britain and Russia. Mr Putin told reporters he had not  
(4) \_\_\_\_\_. He said: "This is (5) \_\_\_\_\_ if  
this is true." He added: "I know him and members of the  
(6) \_\_\_\_\_ and this was not royal behaviour."

Mr Putin said Prince Charles' (7) \_\_\_\_\_ damage relations  
between (8) \_\_\_\_\_. He said both he and Britain were  
"guided by national interests". He added: "All this  
(9) \_\_\_\_\_ and we'll continue to co-operate". The prince  
and president will meet in France next month. The meeting will  
(10) \_\_\_\_\_. They will follow the  
(11) \_\_\_\_\_ behaviour. Britain's leader David Cameron said  
the prince could (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# VLADIMIR PUTIN SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1405/140525-vladimir-putin-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Vladimir Putin 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)

