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## **Level 5**

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

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1405/140525-vladimir-putin-5.html>

President Vladimir Putin has said that Prince Charles' comments about him were "not royal". The prince's comments comparing Mr Putin's actions in Crimea to those of the Nazis in World War II have caused a lot of controversy. The prince likened Putin's annexing of Crimea to the actions of Hitler. Mr Putin told reporters on Saturday that he had not heard the exact words Prince Charles supposedly used. 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' alleged comments would not damage Russian-British relations. He told the media that both he and Britain were "guided by national interests rather than some other considerations". He added: "All this will pass quite quickly and we'll continue to co-operate as we have done before". Mr Putin and Prince Charles will meet at a D-Day anniversary in France next month. The potentially awkward meeting will probably go smoothly. They will both follow the rules of diplomatic behaviour. Britain's leader David Cameron said the prince was expressing his opinions.

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[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-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. comments about him | a. the royal family |
| 2. The prince's       | b. the exact words  |
| 3. Mr Putin's actions | c. behaviour        |
| 4. caused a lot       | d. comments         |
| 5. he had not heard   | e. were "not royal" |
| 6. This is definitely | f. in Crimea        |
| 7. members of         | g. unacceptable     |
| 8. not royal          | h. of controversy   |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                           |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. alleged                | a. interests            |
| 2. damage Russian-British | b. diplomatic behaviour |
| 3. He told                | c. relations            |
| 4. guided by national     | d. meeting              |
| 5. All this will pass     | e. the media            |
| 6. potentially awkward    | f. comments             |
| 7. follow the rules of    | g. opinions             |
| 8. expressing his         | h. quite quickly        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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President Vladimir Putin has said that Prince Charles' comments about him were "not royal". The prince's (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Mr Putin's actions in Crimea to those of the Nazis in World War II have caused a lot of controversy. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Putin's annexing of Crimea to the actions of Hitler. Mr Putin told reporters on Saturday (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the exact words Prince Charles supposedly used. He said: "This is (4) \_\_\_\_\_ if this is true." He added: "I know him (5) \_\_\_\_\_ royal family personally (6) \_\_\_\_\_ behaviour."

Mr Putin said Prince Charles' (7) \_\_\_\_\_ would not damage Russian-British relations. He told (8) \_\_\_\_\_ he and Britain were "guided by national interests rather than some other considerations". He added: "All this will (9) \_\_\_\_\_ and we'll continue to co-operate as we have done before". Mr Putin and Prince Charles will meet at a D-Day anniversary in France next month. The (10) \_\_\_\_\_ meeting will (11) \_\_\_\_\_. They will both follow the rules of diplomatic behaviour. Britain's leader David Cameron said the prince was (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# VLADIMIR PUTIN SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1405/140525-vladimir-putin-5.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)

