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THE ARTICLE

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New Zealand Prime Minister John Key could be in trouble after he pulled the ponytail of a waitress in a café. Mr Key apologised after waitress Amanda Bailey posted online that the PM had pulled her hair many times when he visited the café. Ms Bailey said Mr Key started the hair-pulling last year during his election campaign. She said she repeatedly told him to stop and to not do it again, but he didn't listen to her. She could now take New Zealand's leader to court. He could be investigated for the crime of "hostile touching" if Ms Bailey goes to the police. A New Zealand legal expert said: "You have to remember this is an older white male with a lot of power." He said Ms Bailey was in a powerless position.

Mr Key has apologised for his actions and said he was just "horsing around" (joking) with the waitress. However, many people in New Zealand think the apology is not enough. Women's rights campaigner Marilyn Waring told Radio New Zealand that she believed Mr Key had broken the law. She said: "I'm getting tired of it being called anything but illegal." New Zealand's deputy leader Tracey Martin said it was unacceptable behaviour for a leader of any country. She added: "If he doesn't understand where people's personal boundaries lie, we've got some rather serious problems." The Equal Employment Opportunities Commission, said: "It's never OK to touch someone without their permission."

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<http://edition.cnn.com/2015/04/22/asia/john-key-new-zealand-hair-pulling/index.html>

WARM-UPS

1. PONYTAILS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about ponytails. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

be in trouble / ponytail / online / election / campaign / repeatedly / hostile / powerless / apologized / joking / women's rights / break the law / illegal / unacceptable / touch

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. HAIRSTYLE: Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Pros	Cons
Ponytail		
Curly		
Bald		
Short		
Long fringe		
Waist length		

4. HAIR: Students A **strongly** believe hair is a waste of time and we don't need it; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. WOMEN'S RIGHTS: Rank these with your partner. Put the ones need solving most at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- same salary as men
- violence against women
- maternity leave
- sex slavery
- lack of women CEOs
- lack of women politicians
- poverty
- "job work" and housework

6. EQUAL RIGHTS: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the term "equal rights". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1504/150425-ponytail.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. New Zealand's leader pulled the ponytail of a waitress. | T / F |
| b. The waitress has asked the leader many times to stop pulling her hair. | T / F |
| c. It's possible for the waitress to take the leader to court. | T / F |
| d. The leader could face a charge of hostile touching in court. | T / F |
| e. Everyone in New Zealand thinks the leader's apology is enough. | T / F |
| f. New Zealand's deputy leader said the behaviour wasn't unacceptable. | T / F |
| g. The deputy leader said the leader knew where personal boundaries lay. | T / F |
| h. An equal rights group said you don't need permission to touch people. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|-------------------|----------------|
| 1. pulled | a. specialist |
| 2. apologised | b. tugged |
| 3. repeatedly | c. thought |
| 4. investigated | d. quite |
| 5. expert | e. constantly |
| 6. horsing around | f. consent |
| 7. believed | g. joking |
| 8. called | h. said sorry |
| 9. rather | i. named |
| 10. permission | j. looked into |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. John Key could be | a. of "hostile touching" |
| 2. during his election | b. for a leader |
| 3. He could be investigated for the crime | c. position |
| 4. an older white male | d. boundaries lie |
| 5. Ms Bailey was in a powerless | e. for his actions |
| 6. Mr Key has apologised | f. law |
| 7. broken the | g. in trouble |
| 8. unacceptable behaviour | h. permission |
| 9. where people's personal | i. with a lot of power |
| 10. without their | j. campaign |

GAP FILL

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New Zealand Prime Minister John Key could be in (1) _____ after he pulled the ponytail of a waitress in a café. Mr Key apologised after waitress Amanda Bailey (2) _____ online that the PM had pulled her hair many times when he visited the café. Ms Bailey said Mr Key started the hair-pulling last year (3) _____ his election campaign. She said she (4) _____ told him to stop and to not do it again, but he didn't listen to her. She could now take New Zealand's leader to court. He could be investigated for the (5) _____ of "hostile touching" if Ms Bailey goes to the police. A New Zealand legal (6) _____ said: "You have to remember this is an older white male with a lot of (7) _____." He said Ms Bailey was in a powerless (8) _____.

repeatedly
during
expert
trouble
position
crime
posted
power

Mr Key has apologised for his actions and said he was just "horsing (9) _____ " (joking) with the waitress. However, many people in New Zealand think the apology is not (10) _____. Women's rights campaigner Marilyn Waring told Radio New Zealand that she believed Mr Key had broken the (11) _____. She said: "I'm getting tired of it being called anything but (12) _____." New Zealand's deputy leader Tracey Martin said it was (13) _____ behaviour for a leader of any country. She added: "If he doesn't understand where people's (14) _____ boundaries lie, we've got some rather (15) _____ problems." The Equal Employment Opportunities Commission, said: "It's never OK to touch someone without their (16) _____."

illegal
around
serious
law
unacceptable
permission
enough
personal

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) John Key could be in trouble after he pulled the ponytail _____ in a café
 - a. for a waitress
 - b. of a waitress
 - c. from a waitress
 - d. off a waitress
- 2) the PM had pulled her hair many times _____ the café
 - a. when he visit it
 - b. when he visiting
 - c. when he visited it
 - d. when he visited
- 3) She said she repeatedly told him to stop _____ again
 - a. and to not do that
 - b. and to not do it
 - c. and to not do wit
 - d. and to not do with
- 4) You have to remember this is an older white male _____
 - a. with a lot of power
 - b. with the lot of power
 - c. with a lot off power
 - d. with a lot of off power
- 5) He said Ms Bailey was in a _____
 - a. power less position
 - b. powered less position
 - c. power lass position
 - d. power lets position
- 6) Mr Key has apologised for his actions and said he was _____
 - a. just "horsing around"
 - b. just "horse in around"
 - c. just "hoarse in around"
 - d. just "housing around"
- 7) She said: "I'm getting tired of it being called _____."
 - a. anything but legal
 - b. anything but illegally
 - c. anything but ill eagle
 - d. anything but illegal
- 8) Tracey Martin said it was unacceptable behaviour for a leader _____
 - a. of many country
 - b. of some country
 - c. of enemy country
 - d. of any country
- 9) If he doesn't understand where people's personal boundaries lie, we've _____ serious problems
 - a. got some lather
 - b. got some rather
 - c. got some lava
 - d. got some rubber
- 10) It's never OK to touch someone without _____
 - a. their permission
 - b. they're permission
 - c. the permission
 - d. there permission

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Mr Key has apologised (7) _____ and said he was just "horsing around" (joking) with the waitress. However, many people in New Zealand think the apology (8) _____. Women's rights campaigner Marilyn Waring told Radio New Zealand that she believed Mr Key had broken the law. She said: "I'm (9) _____ it being called anything but illegal." New Zealand's deputy leader Tracey Martin said it was unacceptable behaviour (10) _____ any country. She added: "If he doesn't understand where people's personal boundaries lie, we've got (11) _____ problems." The Equal Employment Opportunities Commission, said: "It's (12) _____ someone without their permission."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1504/150425-ponytail.html>

1. Where did John Key pull the waitress' ponytail?

2. What kind of campaign was there last year?

3. How often did Mr Key pull the waitress' ponytail?

4. Where could Amanda Bailey take John Key?

5. What kind of position was Ms Bailey in?

6. What words did Mr Key use to say he was joking?

7. What did a women's rights campaigner say Mr Key had broken?

8. What job does Tracey Martin have?

9. What kind of problems did Tracey Martin say John Key might have?

10. What did the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission say was not OK?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1504/150425-ponytail.html>

1. Where did John Key pull the waitress' ponytail?
 - a) in his office
 - b) in the street
 - c) on a train
 - d) in a cafe
2. What kind of campaign was there last year?
 - a) a charity campaign
 - b) an election campaign
 - c) a military campaign
 - d) a fundraising campaign
3. How often did Mr Key pull the waitress' ponytail?
 - a) two times every three weeks
 - b) once every three weeks
 - c) repeatedly
 - d) every week
4. Where could Amanda Bailey take John Key?
 - a) to court
 - b) to Australia
 - c) to the cleaners
 - d) to dinner
5. What kind of position was Ms Bailey in?
 - a) a seated one
 - b) a strong one
 - c) a powerless position
 - d) a powerful position
6. What words did Mr Key use to say he was joking?
 - a) monkey business
 - b) horsing around
 - c) donkey work
 - d) a dog's life
7. What did a women's rights campaigner say Mr Key had broken?
 - a) a plate
 - b) a record
 - c) the public's trust
 - d) the law
8. What job does Tracey Martin have?
 - a) deputy leader
 - b) CEO
 - c) equal rights campaigner
 - d) waitress
9. What kind of problems did Tracey Martin say John Key might have?
 - a) small ones
 - b) health problems
 - c) serious ones
 - d) financial problems
10. What did the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission say was not OK?
 - a) equal rights
 - b) touching people without permission
 - c) playing with ponytails
 - d) not apologising

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Domestic violence

You think domestic violence is the biggest problem that needs fixing. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their problems aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): the gender gap in salaries, maternity leave or the lack of women CEOs.

Role B – Gender gap in salaries

You think the gender gap in salaries is the biggest problem that needs fixing. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their problems aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): domestic violence, maternity leave or the lack of women CEOs.

Role C – Maternity leave

You think maternity leave is the biggest problem that needs fixing. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their problems aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): the gender gap in salaries, domestic violence or the lack of women CEOs.

Role D – Lack of women CEOs

You think the lack of women CEOs is the biggest problem that needs fixing. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their problems aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): the gender gap in salaries, maternity leave or domestic violence.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1504/150425-ponytail.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'pony' and 'tail'.

pony	tail
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• trouble• online• last• take• legal• position	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• joking• enough• radio• tired• lie• touch
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PONYTAILS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about ponytails 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.

PONYTAILS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'ponytail'?
- 3) What do you think about what you read?
- 4) What should happen to New Zealand's leader?
- 5) How bad is what he did?
- 6) What more could the waitress have done to stop Mr Key?
- 7) Do you think an apology is enough?
- 8) What do you think of the term "hostile touching"?
- 9) Is what Mr Key did an abuse of power?
- 10) How powerless do you think Ms Bailey was?

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PONYTAILS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) How has the Internet helped Ms Bailey?
- 13) Is continually pulling someone's ponytail "horsing around"?
- 14) Do you think Mr Key has broken the law?
- 15) How should leaders behave in public?
- 16) What would you have done in Ms Martin's situation?
- 17) What should the restaurant owner have done?
- 18) What are personal boundaries?
- 19) What advice do you have for Ms Martin?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask Mr Key?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) in | (b) on | (c) up | (d) at |
| 2. | (a) following | (b) then | (c) after | (d) post |
| 3. | (a) then | (b) while | (c) between | (d) during |
| 4. | (a) repeats | (b) repeatedly | (c) repeated | (d) repeat |
| 5. | (a) police | (b) cafe | (c) battle | (d) court |
| 6. | (a) powered | (b) powers | (c) powerless | (d) powerfully |
| 7. | (a) up | (b) around | (c) on | (d) there |
| 8. | (a) enough | (b) plenty | (c) all | (d) suffice |
| 9. | (a) tired | (b) tried | (c) tiered | (d) tirade |
| 10. | (a) without | (b) with | (c) but | (d) some |
| 11. | (a) tie | (b) pie | (c) die | (d) lie |
| 12. | (a) within | (b) without | (c) with | (d) wither |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. a awisestr in a café
2. during his ceeilnto
3. He could be adtetgsviine
4. the crime of "tioeshl touching"
5. A New Zealand legal etpxer
6. Ms Bailey was in a powerless oinsopit

Paragraph 2

7. loagoipsed (UK) / apdoloigze (USA) for his actions
8. Women's rights maipecrgan
9. anything but glallei
10. unacceptable vrbaheuiio (UK) / raevbiho (USA)
11. people's eprlosna boundaries
12. without their snesmiorpi

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1504/150425-ponytail.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () waitress. However, many people in New Zealand think the apology is not enough. Women's rights
- () law. She said: "I'm getting tired of it being called anything but illegal." New Zealand's deputy
- () country. She added: "If he doesn't understand where people's personal boundaries lie, we've got some rather serious
- () apologised after waitress Amanda Bailey posted online that the PM had pulled her hair many
- () times when he visited the café. Ms Bailey said Mr Key started the hair-pulling last year during his election
- () take New Zealand's leader to court. He could be investigated for the crime of "hostile
- (**1**) New Zealand Prime Minister John Key could be in trouble after he pulled the ponytail of a waitress in a café. Mr Key
- () leader Tracey Martin said it was unacceptable behaviour for a leader of any
- () white male with a lot of power." He said Ms Bailey was in a powerless position.
- () campaigner Marilyn Waring told Radio New Zealand that she believed Mr Key had broken the
- () touching" if Ms Bailey goes to the police. A New Zealand legal expert said: "You have to remember this is an older
- () problems." The Equal Employment Opportunities Commission, said: "It's never OK to touch someone without their permission."
- () campaign. She said she repeatedly told him to stop and to not do it again, but he didn't listen to her. She could now
- () Mr Key has apologised for his actions and said he was just "horsing around" (joking) with the

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. of a waitress In trouble after he pulled the ponytail .

2. times pulled her The hair PM many had .

3. him said to she stop repeatedly told She .

4. touching' 'hostile of crime the for Investigated .

5. lot a with male white older an is This power of .

6. just was He . (joking) around' 'horsing

7. Mr law Key had She broken believed the .

8. a leader Unacceptable of behaviour any for country .

9. lie Understand people's boundaries where personal .

10. their It's to without OK someone permission never touch .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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New Zealand Prime Minister John Key could be *in / on* trouble after he pulled the ponytail of a waitress in a café. Mr Key apologised after waitress Amanda Bailey posted *inline / online* that the PM had pulled *her / the* hair many times when he visited the café. Ms Bailey said Mr Key started the hair-pulling last year *while / during* his election campaign. She said she repeatedly told him to stop and to not do it *again / repeat*, but he didn't listen to her. She could now *make / take* New Zealand's leader to court. He could *be / do* investigated for the crime *for / of* "hostile touching" if Ms Bailey goes to the police. A New Zealand *legal / legally* expert said: "You have to remember this is an older white male with a lot of power." He said Ms Bailey was in a *powered / powerless* position.

Mr Key has apologised *of / for* his actions and said he was *simple / just* "horsing around" (joking) *with / by* the waitress. However, many people in New Zealand think the *apologise / apology* is not enough. Women's rights campaigner Marilyn Waring told Radio New Zealand that she believed Mr Key had *broken / smashed* the law. She said: "I'm getting *tired / tried* of it being called anything but *illegal / legally*." New Zealand's deputy leader Tracey Martin said it was unacceptable behaviour for a leader of *some / any* country. She added: "If he doesn't understand where people's personal boundaries *be / lie*, we've got some rather serious problems." The Equal Employment Opportunities Commission, said: "It's never OK to touch someone without *their / our* permission."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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N_w Z__l_nd Pr_m_ M_n_st_r J_hn K_y c__ld b__n
tr__bl__ft_r h_p_ll_d th_p_nyt__l_f__w__tr_ss_n__
c_fé. Mr K_y_p_l_g_s_d_ft_rw__tr_ss_m_nd_B__l_y
p_st_d_nl_n__th_t th_PM h_d p_ll_d h_r h__r m_ny
t_m_s wh_n h_v_s_t_d th_c_fé. Ms B__l_y s__d Mr
K_y st_rt_d th_h__r-p_ll_ng l_st_y__r d_r_ng h_s
_l_ct__n c_m_p__gn. Sh_s__d sh_r_p__t_dly t_ld h_m
t_st_p_nd t_n_t d__t_g__n, b_t h_d dn't l_st_n t__
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t__ch_ng" _f Ms B__l_y g__s t__th_p_l_c_. _N_w
Z__l_nd l_g_l_xp_rt s__d: "Y__h_v_t_r_m_m_b_r
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s__d Ms B__l_y w_s_n__p_w_rl_ss p_s_t__n.

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w_s j_st "h_rs_ng_r__nd" (j_k_ng) w_th th_w__tr_ss.
H_w_v_r, m_ny p__pl__n N_w Z__l_nd th_nk th__
_p_l_gy __s_n_t_n__gh. W_m_n's r_ghts c_m_p__gn_r
M_r_lyn W_r_ng t_ld R_d__N_w Z__l_nd th_t sh__
b_l__v_d Mr K_y h_d br_k_n th_l_w. Sh_s__d: "'m
g_tt_ng t_r_d_f_t b__ng c_ll_d_nyth_ng b_t__ll_g_l."
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1504/150425-ponytail.html>

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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New Zealand Prime Minister John Key could be in trouble after he pulled the ponytail of a waitress in a café. Mr Key apologised after waitress Amanda Bailey posted online that the PM had pulled her hair many times when he visited the café. Ms Bailey said Mr Key started the hair-pulling last year during his election campaign. She said she repeatedly told him to stop and not to do it again, but he didn't listen to her. She could now take New Zealand's leader to court. He could be investigated for the crime of "hostile touching" if Ms Bailey goes to the police. A New Zealand legal expert said: "You have to remember this is an older white male with a lot of power." He said Ms Bailey was in a powerless position. Mr Key has apologised for his actions and said he was just "horsing around" (joking) with the waitress. However, many people in New Zealand think the apology is not enough. Women's rights campaigner Marilyn Waring told Radio New Zealand that she believed Mr Key had broken the law. She said: "I'm getting tired of it being called anything but illegal." New Zealand's deputy leader Tracey Martin said it was unacceptable behaviour for a leader of any country. She added: "If he doesn't understand where people's personal boundaries lie, we've got some rather serious problems." The Equal Employment Opportunities Commission, said: "It's never OK to touch someone without their permission."

FREE WRITING

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Write about **ponytails** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about ponytails. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. PONYTAILS: Make a poster about ponytails. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. RESIGN: Write a magazine article about New Zealand's PM pulling the waitress' ponytail. Include imaginary interviews with people who think he should resign, and with people who think he shouldn't.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on ponytails. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on the best hairstyles. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a T b T c T d T e F f F g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- | | |
|-------------------|----------------|
| 1. pulled | a. tugged |
| 2. apologised | b. said sorry |
| 3. repeatedly | c. constantly |
| 4. investigated | d. looked into |
| 5. expert | e. specialist |
| 6. horsing around | f. joking |
| 7. believed | g. thought |
| 8. called | h. named |
| 9. rather | i. quite |
| 10. permission | j. consent |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. In a cafe
2. An election campaign
3. Repeatedly
4. To court
5. A powerless position
6. Horsing around
7. The law
8. Deputy leader
9. Serious problems
10. To touch someone without their permission

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. d 2. b 3. c 4. a 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. a 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)