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Level 5

Swaziland changes its name to eSwatini

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THE READING

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The king of Swaziland, King Mswati III, has changed his country's name to eSwatini. The new name means "land of the Swazis" in the local language. King Mswati is an absolute monarch and has the power to change his country. He spoke at the nation's Golden Jubilee celebrations on Thursday, which was also his 50th birthday. He said: "African countries, on getting independence, reverted to their ancient names before they were colonized. So from now on, the country will officially be known as the Kingdom of eSwatini." Swaziland was a British colony until 50 years ago.

The name change has been talked about for years. The king regularly refers to Swaziland as eSwatini in his parliament, and at the U.N. General Assembly and the African Union. Swaziland became independent from Britain in 1968. Unlike other former British colonies, it kept its colonial-era name. Nyasaland became Malawi, Bechuanaland changed its name to Botswana, and Rhodesia became Zimbabwe. King Mswati said that from now, people would not 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/>
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<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/19/world/africa/swaziland-eswatini-name-change.html>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. The king | a. names |
| 2. land of | b. monarch |
| 3. in the local | c. celebrations |
| 4. King Mswati is an absolute | d. language |
| 5. the nation's Golden Jubilee | e. independence |
| 6. getting | f. of Swaziland |
| 7. ancient | g. colonized |
| 8. before they were | h. the Swazis |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. a British colony until | a. to Swaziland |
| 2. The name change has been talked | b. with Switzerland |
| 3. The king regularly refers | c. British colonies |
| 4. at the U.N. | d. 50 years ago |
| 5. Swaziland became independent | e. era name |
| 6. Unlike other former | f. from Britain |
| 7. it kept its colonial- | g. about for years |
| 8. confuse his country | h. General Assembly |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The king of Swaziland, King Mswati III, (1) _____ country's name to eSwatini. The (2) _____ "land of the Swazis" in the local language. King Mswati is (3) _____ and has the power to change his country. He spoke (4) _____ Golden Jubilee celebrations on Thursday, which was also his 50th birthday. He said: "African countries, on getting independence, (5) _____ ancient names before (6) _____. So from now on, the country will officially be known as the Kingdom of eSwatini." Swaziland was a British colony until 50 years ago.

The name change has been talked (7) _____. The king regularly refers to Swaziland as eSwatini (8) _____, and at the U.N. General Assembly and the African Union. Swaziland became independent from Britain in 1968. (9) _____ British colonies, it kept its (10) _____. Nyasaland became Malawi, Bechuanaland changed its name to Botswana, and Rhodesia became Zimbabwe. King Mswati said that from now, people (11) _____ his country with Switzerland. The UN, Google Maps and Internet companies now have to (12) _____.

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) _____

