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UK ambassador to US says White House is inept

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190710-uk-usa-relations.html>

Relations between the UK and USA have soured after the leak of diplomatic cables from the UK's ambassador to the USA. The leaked memos were published in a British newspaper on Sunday. They contained highly negative and critical comments about President Trump's White House from Ambassador Kim Darroch. Mr Darroch wrote of the White House: "We don't really believe this administration is going to become substantially more normal; less dysfunctional; less unpredictable; less faction riven; less diplomatically clumsy and inept." He characterized Mr Trump's policy on Iran as "incoherent" and "chaotic". Sir Winston Churchill's grandson called the leak an act of "unforgivable treachery".

The United States and the UK are traditionally strong partners on the international stage. They each describe their friendship as a "special relationship". The UK needs to nurture this friendship following its leaving the European Union after Brexit. It needs a trade deal with America. The United Kingdom's Prime Minister Theresa May said she had "full faith" in Sir Kim as ambassador but did not agree with his comments. Her spokesman described the leak as being "absolutely unacceptable". Donald Trump retaliated to the comments, saying Sir Kim "has not served the UK well." On Twitter, he wrote: "I do not know the Ambassador, but he is not liked or well thought of within the US. We will no longer deal with him."

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WARM-UPS

1. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about international relations. 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?

relations / leak / diplomatic / memos / critical / administration / clumsy / inept / policy
international / relationship / trade deal / faith / ambassador / spokesman / retaliation

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

3. SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP: Students A **strongly** believe the UK cannot survive without the USA; Students B **strongly** believe it can. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. THE USA: How does the USA affect your country? Is this good or bad? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How?	Good or Bad?
Trade		
Food		
Music and film		
Sport		
Culture		
History		

5. NEGATIVE: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "negative". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. THE UK: Rank these with your partner. Put the best things about the UK at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- food
- music
- football
- London
- Queen Elizabeth
- democracy
- Mr Bean
- tea

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------------|--|
| 1. soured | a. A telegraph message sent by telegraphic wire. |
| 2. cable | b. The term of office of a political leader or government. |
| 3. critical | c. Made or became unpleasant or difficult. |
| 4. administration | d. A small organized dissenting group within a larger one, especially in politics. |
| 5. dysfunctional | e. Not operating normally or properly. |
| 6. faction | f. Betrayal of trust; deceptive action or nature. |
| 7. treachery | g. Expressing adverse or disapproving comments or judgments. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 8. nurture | h. Have relations with a person or organization. |
| 9. faith | i. Totally. |
| 10. leak | j. Made an attack or assault in return for a similar attack. |
| 11. absolutely | k. Help or encourage the development of. |
| 12. retaliated | l. Complete trust or confidence in someone or something. |
| 13. served | m. Performed duties or services for another person or an organization. |
| 14. deal with | n. Secret information become known because someone made it available. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190710-uk-usa-relations.html>

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

- a. The article said UK-US relations have soared. **T / F**
- b. Leaked memos were published in a US newspaper in Washington. **T / F**
- c. The UK ambassador said Mr Trump's White House was dysfunctional. **T / F**
- d. Sir Winston Churchill accused the ambassador of treachery. **T / F**
- e. The article suggests the UK has to cultivate its relationship with the US. **T / F**
- f. The ambassador has the backing of the UK Prime Minister. **T / F**
- g. Donald Trump said the ambassador had not served the UK well. **T / F**
- h. Donald Trump said he would deal with the ambassador more carefully. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| 1. soured | a. attended to |
| 2. critical | b. disorderly |
| 3. inept | c. cultivate |
| 4. chaotic | d. spoiled |
| 5. treachery | e. trust |
| 6. stage | f. fault-finding |
| 7. nurture | g. totally |
| 8. faith | h. setting |
| 9. absolutely | i. betrayal |
| 10. served | j. incompetent |

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

- | | |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1. Relations between the UK and USA | a. Iran as "incoherent" |
| 2. The leaked memos were published | b. stage |
| 3. clumsy and | c. treachery |
| 4. He characterized Mr Trump's policy on | d. this friendship |
| 5. an act of unforgivable | e. longer deal with him |
| 6. on the international | f. inept |
| 7. The UK needs to nurture | g. to the comments |
| 8. Theresa May said she had full | h. have soured |
| 9. Donald Trump retaliated | i. faith in Sir Kim |
| 10. We will no | j. in a British newspaper |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190710-uk-usa-relations.html>

Relations between the UK and USA have (1) _____ after the leak of diplomatic (2) _____ from the UK's ambassador to the USA. The leaked memos were published in a British newspaper on Sunday. They contained (3) _____ negative and critical comments about President Trump's White House from Ambassador Kim Darroch. Mr Darroch (4) _____ of the White House: "We don't really believe this administration is going to become substantially more normal; less dysfunctional; less unpredictable; less (5) _____ riven; less diplomatically clumsy and (6) _____." He characterized Mr Trump's (7) _____ on Iran as "incoherent" and "chaotic". Sir Winston Churchill's grandson called the leak an act of "unforgivable (8) _____".

highly
faction
policy
soured
treachery
cables
inept
wrote

The United States and the UK are traditionally strong partners on the international (9) _____. They each describe their friendship as a "special relationship". The UK needs to (10) _____ this friendship following its leaving the European Union after Brexit. It needs a trade (11) _____ with America. The United Kingdom's Prime Minister Theresa May said she had "full (12) _____" in Sir Kim as ambassador but did not agree with his comments. Her spokesman described the (13) _____ as being "absolutely unacceptable". Donald Trump (14) _____ to the comments, saying Sir Kim "has not (15) _____ the UK well." On Twitter, he wrote: "I do not know the Ambassador, but he is not liked or well (16) _____ of within the US. We will no longer deal with him."

faith
retaliated
nurture
thought
stage
served
deal
leak

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190710-uk-usa-relations.html>

- 1) Relations between the UK and USA have soured after the leak of _____
 - a. diplomatic cables
 - b. diplomatic cabals
 - c. diplomatic clay balls
 - d. diplomatic key balls
- 2) They contained highly negative and _____
 - a. critical comments
 - b. crucial comments
 - c. cry tickle comments
 - d. collateral comments
- 3) We don't really believe this administration is going to become _____ normal
 - a. substantial more
 - b. substantially more
 - c. subs tangentially more
 - d. sub standardly more
- 4) less dysfunctional; less unpredictable; less faction riven; less diplomatically _____
 - a. clumsy and inapt
 - b. clumsy and unkempt
 - c. clumsy and inert
 - d. clumsy and inept
- 5) Sir Winston Churchill's grandson called the leak an act of " _____ "
 - a. unforgivable drudgery
 - b. unforgivable treasury
 - c. unforgivable treachery
 - d. unforgivable tetchy
- 6) The United States and the UK are traditionally strong partners on the _____
 - a. international assuage
 - b. international strange
 - c. international stagger
 - d. international stage
- 7) They each describe their friendship as a " _____ "
 - a. specially relationship
 - b. specials relationship
 - c. special relationship
 - d. specialty relationship
- 8) Prime Minister Theresa May said she had " _____ " in Sir Kim
 - a. full faith
 - b. pull faith
 - c. hole faith
 - d. fail faith
- 9) Donald Trump retaliated to the comments, saying Sir Kim has not _____ well
 - a. serviced the UK
 - b. served up the UK
 - c. served the UK
 - d. saved the UK
- 10) he is not liked or well thought of within the US. We will no longer _____
 - a. deal within him
 - b. deal with him
 - c. deal wither him
 - d. deal without him

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The United States and the UK (7) _____ partners on the international stage. They each describe their friendship as a "special relationship". The UK (8) _____ this friendship following its leaving the European Union after Brexit. It needs (9) _____ with America. The United Kingdom's Prime Minister Theresa May said she had "full faith" in Sir Kim (10) _____ did not agree with his comments. Her spokesman described the leak as being "absolutely unacceptable". Donald Trump (11) _____ comments, saying Sir Kim "has not served the UK well." On Twitter, he wrote: "I do not know the Ambassador, but he is not liked or well thought of within the US. We will no (12) _____ him."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190710-uk-usa-relations.html>

1. What did the article say had happened to UK-US relations?
2. Where were the leaked memos published?
3. What did the ambassador say would not become more normal?
4. What did the ambassador describe as being "incoherent" and "chaotic"?
5. What did Sir Winston Churchill's grandson say the leak was an act of?
6. What is the friendship between the USA and UK often called?
7. What did the article say it needed from the USA?
8. What did the UK Prime Minister say she had in the ambassador?
9. Who called the leak as being "absolutely unacceptable"?
10. What did Donald Trump say the ambassador had not done?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190710-uk-usa-relations.html>

- 1) What did the article say had happened to UK-US relations?
 - a) they had seared
 - b) they had soured
 - c) they had soared
 - d) they had sired
- 2) Where were the leaked memos published?
 - a) in a Washington newspaper
 - b) in a Russian newspaper
 - c) on Wikileaks
 - d) in a British newspaper
- 3) What did the ambassador say would not become more normal?
 - a) the US administration
 - b) UK-US relations
 - c) diplomacy
 - d) comments
- 4) What did the ambassador describe as being "incoherent" and "chaotic"?
 - a) UK-US relations
 - b) diplomacy
 - c) Mr Trump's Iran policy
 - d) Washington
- 5) What did Sir Winston Churchill's grandson say the leak was an act of?
 - a) spying
 - b) unforgiveable treachery
 - c) rogue nation interference
 - d) contrition
- 6) What is the friendship between the USA and UK often called?
 - a) the "Special Relationship"
 - b) the "Best Relationship"
 - c) the "Super Relationship"
 - d) the "Atlantic Relationship"
- 7) What did the article say it needed from the USA?
 - a) cash
 - b) support
 - c) a trade deal
 - d) friendship
- 8) What did the UK Prime Minister say she had in the ambassador?
 - a) full faith
 - b) money
 - c) confidence
 - d) hopes
- 9) Who called the leak as being "absolutely unacceptable"?
 - a) the UK Prime Minister's spokesman
 - b) Donald Trump's son-in-law
 - c) the US ambassador to the UK
 - d) Theresa May
- 10) What did Donald Trump say the ambassador had not done?
 - a) anything wrong
 - b) his homework
 - c) respected the USA
 - d) served the UK well

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Food

You think food is the best thing about the U.K. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): London, music or democracy.

Role B – London

You think London is the best thing about the U.K. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): food, music or democracy.

Role C – Music

You think music is the best thing about the U.K. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): London, food or democracy.

Role D – Democracy

You think democracy is the best thing about the U.K. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): London, music or food.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190710-uk-usa-relations.html>

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

diplomacy	ambassador

- 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">• soured• published• believe• faction• policy• grandson	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• strong• special• needs• full• served• within
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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190710-uk-usa-relations.html>

Write five GOOD questions about international relations 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.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'diplomacy'?
3. What are your country's relations with the USA like?
4. Would you make a good ambassador?
5. What do you think of Sir Kim's comments?
6. What do you think of such sensitive memos being leaked?
7. What is the job of an ambassador?
8. Should Sir Kim have been so negative and critical?
9. Do you think the White House administration is 'inept'?
10. Do you think President Trump's policy on Iran is 'chaotic'?

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'ambassador'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How will this incident change relations between the UK and USA?
15. Should the British ambassador resign?
16. Is Theresa May correct to say she has 'full faith' in the ambassador?
17. What advice do you have for the ambassador?
18. Is President Trump correct in his comments on the ambassador?
19. What do you think of Donald Trump's Twitter diplomacy?
20. What questions would you like to ask US President Donald Trump?

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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The United States and the UK are traditionally strong partners on the international (7) _____. They each describe their friendship as a "special relationship". The UK needs to (8) _____ this friendship following its leaving the European Union after Brexit. It needs a trade deal with America. The United Kingdom's Prime Minister Theresa May said she had "(9) _____ faith" in Sir Kim as ambassador but did not agree with his comments. Her spokesman described the leak (10) _____ being "absolutely unacceptable". Donald Trump (11) _____ to the comments, saying Sir Kim "has not served the UK well." On Twitter, he wrote: "I do not know the Ambassador, but he is not liked or well thought of within the US. We will no longer (12) _____ with him."

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) scolded | (b) scored | (c) scoured | (d) soured |
| 2. | (a) as | (b) such | (c) by | (d) to |
| 3. | (a) heighten | (b) highly | (c) height | (d) highest |
| 4. | (a) as | (b) up | (c) of | (d) down |
| 5. | (a) fiction | (b) fraction | (c) faction | (d) friction |
| 6. | (a) treachery | (b) trenches | (c) tranche | (d) tortured |
| 7. | (a) leg | (b) stage | (c) podium | (d) catwalk |
| 8. | (a) nurture | (b) natural | (c) nature | (d) neuter |
| 9. | (a) wholly | (b) full | (c) entirety | (d) utterly |
| 10. | (a) was | (b) has | (c) as | (d) thus |
| 11. | (a) sentenced | (b) militarised | (c) retaliated | (d) provoked |
| 12. | (a) seal | (b) veal | (c) meal | (d) deal |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. Relations between the UK and USA have oursed
2. the leak of plmodaiitc cables
3. highly negative and ticiracl comments
4. more normal; less suytncidnofal
5. Trump's policy on Iran as "incoherent" and "oahtcic"
6. an act of unforgivable rectehary

Paragraph 2

7. dtoitaranilly strong partners
8. The UK needs to urtnrue this friendship
9. Sir Kim as mbsaasador
10. agree with his mcemonts
11. soulatbley unacceptable
12. Donald Trump tailraetd to the ...

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () to the comments, saying Sir Kim "has not served the UK well." On Twitter, he wrote: "I do not
- () describe their friendship as a "special relationship". The UK needs to nurture this friendship following its
- () to the USA. The leaked memos were published in a British newspaper on Sunday. They contained highly
- () know the Ambassador, but he is not liked or well thought of within the US. We will no longer deal with him."
- () of the White House: "We don't really believe this administration is going to become substantially more normal; less
- () with his comments. Her spokesman described the leak as being "absolutely unacceptable". Donald Trump retaliated
- (**1**) Relations between the UK and USA have soured after the leak of diplomatic cables from the UK's ambassador
- () Prime Minister Theresa May said she had "full faith" in Sir Kim as ambassador but did not agree
- () negative and critical comments about President Trump's White House from Ambassador Kim Darroch. Mr Darroch wrote
- () The United States and the UK are traditionally strong partners on the international stage. They each
- () leaving the European Union after Brexit. It needs a trade deal with America. The United Kingdom's
- () dysfunctional; less unpredictable; less faction riven; less diplomatically clumsy and
- () grandson called the leak an act of "unforgivable treachery".
- () inept." He characterized Mr Trump's policy on Iran as "incoherent" and "chaotic". Sir Winston Churchill's

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. from the of The ambassador . leak diplomatic cables
2. a Leaked newspaper published memos British were in
3. contain They contained and highly critical comments . negative
4. become is normal . to going administration more This
5. on He Iran characterized as policy Trump's incoherent .
6. the strong stage . partners Traditionally on international
7. "special a as their describe relationship" . friendship They
8. being absolutely described the He as unacceptable . leak
9. not has Sir served Kim the UK well .
10. will no longer We with deal him .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190710-uk-usa-relations.html>

Relations between the UK and USA have *soured* / *scoured* after the leak of diplomatic *cables* / *ropes* from the UK's ambassador to the USA. The leaked memos were *publication* / *published* in a British newspaper on Sunday. They contained *highly* / *heighten* negative and critical comments about President Trump's White House from *Ambassador* / *Embassy* Kim Darroch. Mr Darroch wrote of the White House: "We don't really *belief* / *believe* this administration is *gone* / *going* to become substantially more normal; less dysfunctional; less unpredictable; less *faction* / *fraction* riven; less diplomatically *clumsily* / *clumsy* and inept." He characterized Mr Trump's policy on Iran as "*incoherent*" / "*incontinent*" and "chaotic". Sir Winston Churchill's grandson called the leak an act of "unforgivable treachery".

The United States and the UK are traditionally *strengthen* / *strong* partners on the international *stage* / *stagger*. They each describe their friendship as a "special relationship". The UK needs to *nature* / *nurture* this friendship following its leaving the European Union after Brexit. It needs a *traded* / *trade* deal with America. The United Kingdom's Prime Minister Theresa May said she had "full *faith* / *faithful*" in Sir Kim as ambassador but did not *agreement* / *agree* with his comments. Her spokesman described the leak as being "absolutely unacceptable". Donald Trump *retaliated* / *retailed* to the comments, saying Sir Kim "has not *saved* / *served* the UK well." On Twitter, he wrote: "I do not know the Ambassador, but he is not *liked* / *liken* or well thought of within the US. We will no longer *deal* / *dealt* with him."

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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R_l_t__ n s b_t w__ n t h_ U K _n d U S A h_v_ s__
r_d _f t_r t h_ l__ k _f d_p l_m_t_c c_b l_s f_r m t
h_ U K 's _m b_s s_d_r t_ t h_ U S A . T h_ l__ k_d
m_m_s w_r_ p_b l_s h_d _n _ B r_t_s h n_w s p_p_r
_n S_n d_y . T h_y c_n t__ n_d h_g h_l y n_g_t_v_ _n
d c_r_t_c_l c_m m_n t_s _b__ t P_r_s_d_n t T_r_m_p 's
W h_t_ H__ s_ f_r m A m b_s s_d_r K_m D_r r_c h .
M_r D_r r_c h w_r_t_ _f t h_ W h_t_ H__ s_ : " W_
d_n 't r__ l_l y b_l__ v_ t h_s _d m_n_s t_r_t__ n _s
g__ n g t_ b_c_m_ s_b s_t_n t__ l_l y m_r_ n_r m_l ;
l_s s d_y s_f_n c_t__ n_l ; l_s s _n p_r_d_c t_b l_ ; l_s s
f_c t__ n r_v_n ; l_s s d_p l_m_t_c_l_l y c_l_m s_y _n
d _n_p t . " H_ c_h_r_c t_r_z_d M_r T_r_m_p 's p_l_c
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190710-uk-usa-relations.html>

relations between the uk and usa have soured after the leak of diplomatic cables from the uks ambassador to the usa the leaked memos were published in a british newspaper on sunday they contained highly negative and critical comments about president trumps white house from ambassador kim darroch mr darroch wrote of the white house we dont really believe this administration is going to become substantially more normal less dysfunctional less unpredictable less faction riven less diplomatically clumsy and inept he characterized mr trumps policy on iran as incoherent and chaotic sir winston churchills grandson called the leak an act of unforgivable treachery

the united states and the uk are traditionally strong partners on the international stage they each describe their friendship as a special relationship the uk needs to nurture this friendship following its leaving the european union after brexit it needs a trade deal with america the united kingdoms prime minister theresa may said she had full faith in sir kim as ambassador but did not agree with his comments her spokesman described the leak as being absolutely unacceptable donald trump retaliated to the comments saying sir kim has not served the uk well on twitter he wrote i do not know the ambassador but he is not liked or well thought of within the us we will no longer deal with him"

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Relations between the UK and USA have soured after the leak of diplomatic cables from the UK's ambassador to the USA. The leaked memos were published in a British newspaper on Sunday. They contained highly negative and critical comments about President Trump's White House from Ambassador Kim Darroch. Mr Darroch wrote of the White House: "We don't really believe this administration is going to become substantially more normal; less dysfunctional; less unpredictable; less faction-riven; less diplomatically clumsy and inept." He characterized Mr Trump's policy on Iran as "incoherent" and "chaotic". Sir Winston Churchill's grandson called the leak an act of "unforgivable treachery". The United States and the UK are traditionally strong partners on the international stage. They each describe their friendship as a "special relationship". The UK needs to nurture this friendship following its leaving the European Union after Brexit. It needs a trade deal with America. The United Kingdom's Prime Minister Theresa May said she had "full faith" in Sir Kim as ambassador but did not agree with his comments. Her spokesman described the leak as being "absolutely unacceptable". Donald Trump retaliated to the comments, saying Sir Kim "has not served the UK well." On Twitter, he wrote: "I do not know the Ambassador, but he is not liked or well thought of within the US. We will no longer deal with him."

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 this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: Make a poster about international relations. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. QUIT: Write a magazine article about the ambassador having to quit over his comments. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 ambassadors. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on the role of an ambassador. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. a 3. g 4. b 5. e 6. d 7. f
8. k 9. l 10. n 11. i 12. j 13. m 14. h

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|---------------|------------------|
| 1. soured | a. spoiled |
| 2. critical | b. fault-finding |
| 3. inept | c. incompetent |
| 4. chaotic | d. disorderly |
| 5. treachery | e. betrayal |
| 6. stage | f. setting |
| 7. nurture | g. cultivate |
| 8. faith | h. trust |
| 9. absolutely | i. totally |
| 10. served | j. attended to |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. They had soured
2. In a British newspaper
3. The US administration
4. Mr Trump's Iran policy
5. Unforgivable treachery
6. The special relationship
7. A trade deal
8. Full faith
9. The UK leader's spokesman
10. Served the UK well

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. The leak of diplomatic cables from the ambassador.
2. Leaked memos were published in a British newspaper
3. They contained highly negative and critical comments.
4. This administration is going to become more normal.
5. He characterized Trump's policy on Iran as incoherent.
6. Traditionally strong partners on the international stage.
7. They describe their friendship as a "special relationship".
8. He described the leak as being absolutely unacceptable.
9. Sir Kim has not served the UK well.
10. We will no longer deal with him.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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