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**Level 5 – 26th July, 2019**

## **Boris Johnson becomes UK's new leader**

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**Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190726-boris-johnson-5.html>

The United Kingdom has a new leader. Alexander Boris de Pfeffel Johnson became the UK's new Prime Minister yesterday after Theresa May resigned in June. Mr Johnson, commonly known as Boris, realized a childhood dream of becoming leader of the UK. As a child, he told his parents he wanted to be king of the world. He now has the lesser role of Prime Minister. He has a tough task ahead. The most important thing is to deliver Brexit and make sure Britain comes out of the European Union. Mr Johnson vowed to get this done by October 31st. His political future depends on this.

Boris Johnson went to Buckingham Palace to meet Queen Elizabeth before becoming the UK's 77th Prime Minister. Traditionally, the Queen asks a new appointee to form a government. Johnson then drove to 10 Downing Street - the official residence of the British leader. His first job is to fill his Cabinet with people who will be in key decision-making roles. Johnson said: "I will take personal responsibility for the change I want to see." In his first speech to the nation as Prime Minister, he promised to spend more money on the police, education and social welfare.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-49102466>  
<https://www.foxnews.com/world/boris-johnson-queen-officially-prime-minister-britain-brexit-theresa-may>  
<https://metro.co.uk/2019/07/24/boris-johnson-no-ifs-buts-europe-october-31-10452137/>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190726-boris-johnson-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                   |                      |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The United Kingdom has         | a. task ahead        |
| 2. Theresa May                    | b. by October 31st   |
| 3. Boris realized a               | c. resigned in June  |
| 4. He has a tough                 | d. on this           |
| 5. The most important thing is    | e. childhood dream   |
| 6. make sure Britain              | f. to deliver Brexit |
| 7. Johnson vowed to get this done | g. a new leader      |
| 8. His political future depends   | h. comes out         |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |  |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. becoming the UK's                   | a. making roles          |
| 2. form a                              | b. on the police         |
| 3. the official residence              | c. 77th Prime Minister   |
| 4. people who will be in key decision- | d. welfare               |
| 5. I will take personal                | e. government            |
| 6. In his first speech to              | f. responsibility        |
| 7. spend more money                    | g. of the British leader |
| 8. education and social                | h. the nation            |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The United Kingdom (1) \_\_\_\_\_ leader. Alexander Boris de Pfeffel Johnson became the UK's new Prime Minister yesterday after Theresa May resigned in June. Mr Johnson, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Boris, realized a childhood (3) \_\_\_\_\_ leader of the UK. As a child, he told his parents he wanted to be king of the world. He now has (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of Prime Minister. He has a tough task ahead. The most important thing (5) \_\_\_\_\_ Brexit and make sure Britain comes out of the European Union. Mr Johnson vowed to get this done by October 31st. His political future (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Boris Johnson went to Buckingham Palace to meet Queen Elizabeth (7) \_\_\_\_\_ UK's 77th Prime Minister. Traditionally, the Queen asks (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to form a government. Johnson then drove to 10 Downing Street - (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of the British leader. His first job is to fill his Cabinet with people who will (10) \_\_\_\_\_ decision-making roles. Johnson said: "I will take personal responsibility for the change I want to see." In (11) \_\_\_\_\_ to the nation as Prime Minister, he promised to spend more money on the police, education (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TheUnitedKingdomhasanewleader.AlexanderBorisdePfeffelJohnson becametheUK'snewPrimeMinistryesterdayafterTheresaMayresign edinJune.MrJohnson,commonlyknownasBoris,realizedachildhooddr eamofbecomingleaderoftheUK.Asachild,hetoldhisparentshewanted tobekingoftheworld.HenowhasthelesserroleofPrimeMinister.Hehas atoughtaskahead.ThemostimportantthingistodeliverBrexitandmak esureBritaincomesoutoftheEuropeanUnion.MrJohnsonvowedtogett hisdonebyOctober31st.Hispoliticalfuturedependsonthis.BorisJohns onwenttoBuckinghamPalacetomeetQueenElizabethbeforebecomin gtheUK's77thPrimeMinister.Traditionally,theQueenasksanewappoi nteetoformagovernment.Johnsonthendroveto10DowningStreet-th eofficialresidenceoftheBritishleader.HisfirstjobistofillhisCabinetwith peoplewhowillbeinkeydecision-makingroles.Johnsonsaid:"Iwilltak epersonalresponsibilityforthechangeIwanttosee."Inhisfirstspeecht othenationasPrimeMinister,hepromisedtospendmoremoneyonthep olice,educationandsocialwelfare.

# NATIONAL LEADERS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190726-boris-johnson-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about national leaders 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) \_\_\_\_\_

