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**Level 6 – 26th July, 2019**

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

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# THE ARTICLE

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

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Boris Johnson had to go to Buckingham Palace to meet Queen Elizabeth before taking over as the UK's 77th Prime Minister. Tradition dictates that the Queen formally asks any new appointee to form a new government. Johnson accepted and drove to 10 Downing Street - the official residence of the British leader. His first job is to form his Cabinet - the people who will take up key decision-making roles in the new UK government. Johnson said: "Though I am today building a great team of men and women, 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.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. NATIONAL LEADERS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about national leaders. 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?

the U.K. / leader / resignation / childhood dream / king / European Union / Brexit / Buckingham Palace / tradition / tradition / residence / decision-making / speech

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

**3. WORLD LEADER:** Students A **strongly** believe the world should have a world leader; Students B **strongly** believe that's a silly idea. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. LEADERS:** What do you know about these leaders? Rate them from 1-10 (1 = terrible; 10 = excellent). Why that score? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	Score (1-10)	Why?
Donald Trump			
Vladimir Putin			
Xi Jinping			
Narendra Modi			
Angela Merkel			
Raul Castro			

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

**6. LEADER'S PROMISES:** Rank these with your partner. Put the most important promises for a leader at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- national security
- safe streets
- better education
- lower taxes
- more hospitals
- social welfare
- stamp out corruption
- diversity

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 1. announced   | a. Caused something desired or anticipated to happen.                                 |
| 2. resignation | b. Made a public and formal statement about a fact, happening, or plan.               |
| 3. commonly    | c. Very often; frequently.  |
| 4. realized    | d. Of a problem, need, or situation requiring quick or immediate action or attention. |
| 5. lesser      | e. Seriously promised to do a specified thing.  |
| 6. pressing    | f. An act of giving up one's job or giving up a position.                             |
| 7. vowed       | g. Not so great or important as the other or the rest.                                |

## Paragraph 2

- |                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| 8. dictates        | h. The official house of a government minister or other public and official figure.                 |
| 9. formally        | i. Social efforts designed to promote the basic physical and material well-being of people in need. |
| 10. appointee      | j. The state or fact of having a duty to deal with something or of having control over someone.     |
| 11. residence      | k. A person to whom a job or role is assigned.  |
| 12. key            | l. Of great importance.   |
| 13. responsibility | m. Controls or decisively affects; determines.  |
| 14. welfare        | n. Officially.  |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

- a. The first name of the UK's new leader is Alexander. **T / F**
- b. Mr Johnson had a childhood dream to be king of the world. **T / F**
- c. The article said Mr Johnson's most pressing task was to deliver Brexit. **T / F**
- d. Mr Johnson said he would deliver Brexit by December 31st. **T / F**
- e. Mr Johnson is the United Kingdom's 77th Prime Minister. **T / F**
- f. A new Prime Minister traditionally asks the Queen to form a government. **T / F**
- g. The official residence of the UK Prime Minister is in Oxford Street. **T / F**
- h. Mr Johnson promised to cut spending on social welfare. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

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

- |                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>1. resignation</b> | a. make             |
| <b>2. realized</b>    | b. orders           |
| <b>3. tough</b>       | c. promised         |
| <b>4. vowed</b>       | d. putting together |
| <b>5. depends on</b>  | e. achieved         |
| <b>6. dictates</b>    | f. difficult        |
| <b>7. form</b>        | g. important        |
| <b>8. key</b>         | h. hinges on        |
| <b>9. building</b>    | i. pay out          |
| <b>10. spend</b>      | j. departure        |

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

- |   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. Theresa May announced her              | a. decision-making roles    |
| 2. realized a childhood dream of becoming | b. this will be done        |
| 3. His most pressing undertaking is       | c. money on the police      |
| 4. Mr Johnson has vowed to ensure         | d. of the British leader    |
| 5. His political future depends           | e. to deliver Brexit        |
| 6. taking over as the                     | f. resignation in June      |
| 7. the official residence                 | g. responsibility           |
| 8. people who will take up key            | h. on this                  |
| 9. take personal                          | i. leader of the UK         |
| 10. he promised to spend more             | j. UK's 77th Prime Minister |

# GAP FILL

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

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has a new (1) \_\_\_\_\_. Alexander Boris de Pfeffel Johnson became the UK's new Prime Minister yesterday after Theresa May announced her (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in June. Mr Johnson, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ known as Boris, (4) \_\_\_\_\_ a childhood dream of becoming leader of the UK. It is reported that when he was eight, he told his parents he wanted to be king of the world. He now has the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ role of Prime Minister but has a tough task ahead of him. His most (6) \_\_\_\_\_ undertaking is to deliver Brexit and make sure Britain withdraws from the European Union. Mr Johnson has (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to ensure this will be done by October 31st. His political future (8) \_\_\_\_\_ on this.

*lesser*  
*depends*  
*commonly*  
*leader*  
*pressing*  
*realized*  
*vowed*  
*resignation*

Boris Johnson had to go to Buckingham Palace to meet Queen Elizabeth before taking over as the UK's 77th Prime Minister. Tradition (9) \_\_\_\_\_ that the Queen (10) \_\_\_\_\_ asks any new appointee to form a new government. Johnson accepted and drove to 10 Downing Street - the official (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of the British leader. His first job is to form his Cabinet - the people who will take up (12) \_\_\_\_\_ decision-making (13) \_\_\_\_\_ in the new UK government. Johnson said: "Though I am today building a great team of men and women, I will take (14) \_\_\_\_\_ responsibility for the change I want to see." In his first speech to the nation as Prime Minister, he (15) \_\_\_\_\_ to spend more money on the police, education and social (16) \_\_\_\_\_.

*residence*  
*personal*  
*dictates*  
*roles*  
*welfare*  
*formally*  
*key*  
*promised*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) after Theresa May announced her \_\_\_\_\_ June
  - a. designation in
  - b. indignation in
  - c. stagnation in
  - d. resignation in
- 2) Mr Johnson, commonly known as Boris, \_\_\_\_\_ childhood dream
  - a. realigned a
  - b. realized a
  - c. serialized a
  - d. real liaised a
- 3) He now has the lesser role of Prime Minister but has a tough \_\_\_\_\_ of him
  - a. tusk ahead
  - b. task ahead
  - c. taste ahead
  - d. tacks ahead
- 4) deliver Brexit and make sure Britain \_\_\_\_\_ the European Union
  - a. which draws from
  - b. witch draws from
  - c. withdraws from
  - d. withdrawn from
- 5) His political future \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. deep ends on this
  - b. deepens on this
  - c. depend on this
  - d. depends on this
- 6) Tradition dictates that the Queen formally asks any new \_\_\_\_\_ a new government
  - a. a point tea to form
  - b. appoint tea to form
  - c. appointee to form
  - d. app point tee to form
- 7) Johnson accepted and drove to 10 Downing Street - the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. officials residence
  - b. official residence
  - c. official residents
  - d. officials residents
- 8) the people who will take up key decision-\_\_\_\_\_
  - a. May king roles
  - b. make king roles
  - c. marking roles
  - d. making roles
- 9) I will take personal responsibility for the change \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. I want to see
  - b. I wanted to sea
  - c. I want too see
  - d. I want to sea
- 10) he promised to spend more money on the police, education \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and social well fare
  - b. and social welfare
  - c. and social well fair
  - d. and social well flare

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has (1) \_\_\_\_\_. Alexander Boris de Pfeffel Johnson became the UK's new Prime Minister yesterday after Theresa May announced her resignation in June. Mr Johnson, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Boris, realized a childhood dream of becoming leader of the UK. It is reported that when he was eight, he told his parents he wanted to (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the world. He now has (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of Prime Minister but has a (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of him. His most pressing undertaking is to deliver Brexit and make sure Britain withdraws from the European Union. Mr Johnson has (6) \_\_\_\_\_ this will be done by October 31st. His political future depends on this.

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What is the new UK leader's first name?
2. Who resigned in June?
3. What did Johnson tell his parents he wanted to be when he was eight?
4. What is Mr Johnson's most pressing undertaking?
5. What does Mr Johnson's political future depend on?
6. Where did Mr Johnson have to go before becoming Prime Minister?
7. How many Prime Ministers did the UK have before Mr Johnson?
8. Where is the UK Prime Minister's official residence?
9. What did Mr Johnson say he would take personal responsibility for?
10. What did Mr Johnson promise to spend more money on?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What is the new UK leader's first name?
  - a) Alexander
  - b) Alexa
  - c) Alexandria
  - d) Alexis
- 2) Who resigned in June?
  - a) the UK president
  - b) the British Queen
  - c) Theresa May
  - d) a British prince and princess
- 3) What did Johnson tell his parents he wanted to be when he was eight?
  - a) a train driver
  - b) king of the world
  - c) captain of the England football team
  - d) a rabbit
- 4) What is Mr Johnson's most pressing undertaking?
  - a) Iran
  - b) helping the poor
  - c) reducing crime
  - d) delivering Brexit
- 5) What does Mr Johnson's political future depend on?
  - a) delivering Brexit
  - b) reducing unemployment
  - c) winning an election
  - d) reducing the national debt
- 6) Where did Mr Johnson have to go before becoming Prime Minister?
  - a) to see his girlfriend
  - b) shopping
  - c) Westminster
  - d) Buckingham Palace
- 7) How many Prime Ministers did the UK have before Mr Johnson?
  - a) 77
  - b) 76
  - c) 75
  - d) 74
- 8) Where is the UK Prime Minister's official residence?
  - a) the Houses of Parliament
  - b) 1 Buckingham Palace
  - c) 100 Oxford Street
  - d) 10 Downing Street
- 9) What did Mr Johnson say he would take personal responsibility for?
  - a) policing
  - b) his mistakes
  - c) the change he wants to see
  - d) wars
- 10) What did Mr Johnson promise to spend more money on?
  - a) warships
  - b) the police
  - c) the environment
  - d) his apartment

# ROLE PLAY

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

## **Role A – Safer Streets**

You think safer streets is the biggest promise a leader can make. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their promises. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): more hospitals, lower taxes or better education.

## **Role B – More Hospitals**

You think more hospitals is the biggest promise a leader can make. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their promises. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): safer streets, lower taxes or better education.

## **Role C – Lower Taxes**

You think lower taxes is the biggest promise a leader can make. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their promises. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): more hospitals, safer streets or better education.

## **Role D – Better Education**

You think better education is the biggest promise a leader can make. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their promises. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): more hospitals, lower taxes or safer streets.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

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

leader	king

- 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"><li>• united</li><li>• announced</li><li>• eight</li><li>• lesser</li><li>• deliver</li><li>• future</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• meet</li><li>• over</li><li>• new</li><li>• official</li><li>• key</li><li>• spend</li></ul>
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# NATIONAL LEADERS SURVEY

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

# NATIONAL LEADERS 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 'leader'?
3. What leadership skills do you have?
4. What do you know about Boris Johnson?
5. What do you think of your country's leader?
6. What makes a good leader?
7. What would you do if you were king of the world?
8. Should there be a world leader?
9. What was your childhood dream?
10. What do you know about Brexit?

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# NATIONAL LEADERS 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 'king'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Are you a good leader?
15. Would you like to meet Queen Elizabeth in Buckingham Palace?
16. Would you be a good politician?
17. Do men or women make better leaders?
18. Do politicians keep their promises?
19. What would you spend money on if you were leader?
20. What questions would you like to ask Boris Johnson?

# 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

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

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Boris Johnson had to go to Buckingham Palace to meet Queen Elizabeth before (7) \_\_\_\_\_ over as the UK's 77th Prime Minister. Tradition dictates that the Queen formally asks any new (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to form a new government. Johnson accepted and drove to 10 Downing Street - the official residence of the British leader. His first job is to form his Cabinet - the people who will take up (9) \_\_\_\_\_ decision-making roles in the new UK government. Johnson said: "Though I am today building a great team of men and women, I will (10) \_\_\_\_\_ personal responsibility for the change I want to see." In his first speech to the (11) \_\_\_\_\_ as Prime Minister, he promised to spend more money on the police, education and (12) \_\_\_\_\_ welfare.

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

- |     |               |                |               |                |
|-----|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) United    | (b) Unified    | (c) Union     | (d) Unity      |
| 2.  | (a) announce  | (b) announces  | (c) announced | (d) announcing |
| 3.  | (a) exercised | (b) ostracized | (c) realized  | (d) maximized  |
| 4.  | (a) degrees   | (b) ever       | (c) basis     | (d) lesser     |
| 5.  | (a) withdraws | (b) deposits   | (c) enters    | (d) rejects    |
| 6.  | (a) mewed     | (b) vowed      | (c) cowed     | (d) viewed     |
| 7.  | (a) flocking  | (b) stricken   | (c) lacking   | (d) taking     |
| 8.  | (a) repartee  | (b) appointee  | (c) referee   | (d) lessee     |
| 9.  | (a) pioneer   | (b) apex       | (c) key       | (d) pivot      |
| 10. | (a) bake      | (b) fake       | (c) make      | (d) take       |
| 11. | (a) sovereign | (b) dependency | (c) territory | (d) nation     |
| 12. | (a) official  | (b) social     | (c) racial    | (d) special    |

# SPELLING

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

## Paragraph 1

1. May announced her iaegrtnsnio
2. Boris reaelidz a childhood dream
3. He now has the eesrsl role
4. His most pressing ndtekruagin
5. make sure Britain waiwhdrts
6. Johnson has eodvw to ensure this

## Paragraph 2

7. Tradition tdtsaeci that
8. the Queen formally asks any new atippeeon
9. the official cdersinee
10. take up key scndieio-making roles
11. I will take personal ibsiitesrpyoln
12. education and social reafewl

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) Boris Johnson had to go to Buckingham Palace to meet Queen Elizabeth before taking
- ( ) be done by October 31st. His political future depends on this.
- ( ) of Prime Minister but has a tough task ahead of him. His most pressing undertaking is to deliver Brexit and make
- ( ) was eight, he told his parents he wanted to be king of the world. He now has the lesser role
- ( ) sure Britain withdraws from the European Union. Mr Johnson has vowed to ensure this will
- ( ) and women, I will take personal responsibility for the change I want to see." In his first speech to the
- ( ) known as Boris, realized a childhood dream of becoming leader of the UK. It is reported that when he
- ( **1** ) The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has a new leader. Alexander Boris de Pfeffel Johnson became the UK's
- ( ) new Prime Minister yesterday after Theresa May announced her resignation in June. Mr Johnson, commonly
- ( ) nation as Prime Minister, he promised to spend more money on the police, education and social welfare.
- ( ) appointee to form a new government. Johnson accepted and drove to 10 Downing Street - the official
- ( ) making roles in the new UK government. Johnson said: "Though I am today building a great team of men
- ( ) over as the UK's 77th Prime Minister. Tradition dictates that the Queen formally asks any new
- ( ) residence of the British leader. His first job is to form his Cabinet - the people who will take up key decision-

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. resignation Theresa her announced After June . in
2. realized a leader . of becoming dream childhood Boris
3. king be of to wanted He the world .
4. pressing deliver Brexit . to most undertaking His is
5. this will to done . vowed Johnson be ensure
6. of the British The residence leader . official
7. People key decision-making will who take up roles .
8. the will personal responsibility I take for change .
9. PM . as first nation His the speech to
10. spend to on police . He more promised money

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has *anew* / *a new* leader. Alexander Boris de Pfeffel Johnson became the UK's new Prime Minister yesterday after Theresa May announced her *resigns* / *resignation* in June. Mr Johnson, *commonly* / *common* known as Boris, *reality* / *realized* a childhood dream of becoming leader of the UK. It is *reported* / *reports* that when he was eight, he told his parents he wanted to be king of the world. He now has the *less* / *lesser* role of Prime Minister but has a tough *task* / *tusk* ahead of him. His most *pressing* / *dressing* undertaking is to deliver Brexit and make sure Britain *deposits* / *withdraws* from the European Union. Mr Johnson has vowed to ensure this will be done by October 31st. His political future *depends* / *deepens* on this.

Boris Johnson had to go to Buckingham Palace to meet Queen Elizabeth before *taking* / *taken* over as the UK's 77th Prime Minister. Tradition *dictations* / *dictates* that the Queen formally asks any new *appointee* / *appointed* to form a new government. Johnson accepted and *driven* / *drove* to 10 Downing Street - the official residence of the British leader. His first job is to *farm* / *form* his Cabinet - the people who will take up key decision-making *rules* / *roles* in the new UK government. Johnson said: "Though I am today building a great team of men and women, I will take *personally* / *personal* responsibility for the change I want to see." In his first *speech* / *speak* to the nation as Prime Minister, he *promissory* / *promised* to spend more money on the police, education and *social* / *socially* welfare.

**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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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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boris johnson had to go to buckingham palace to meet queen elizabeth before taking over as the uks 77th prime minister tradition dictates that the queen formally asks any new appointee to form a new government johnson accepted and drove to 10 downing street the official residence of the british leader his first job is to form his cabinet the people who will take up key decisionmaking roles in the new uk government johnson said though i am today building a great team of men and women 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.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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formanewgovernment.Johnsonacceptedanddroveto10DowningStr  
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# 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. BORIS JOHNSON:** Make a poster about national leaders. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. WORLD LEADER:** Write a magazine article about there being a world leader. 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 national leaders. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on your country's leader. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

- |                |                     |
|----------------|---------------------|
| 1. resignation | a. departure        |
| 2. realized    | b. achieved         |
| 3. tough       | c. difficult        |
| 4. vowed       | d. promised         |
| 5. depends on  | e. hinges on        |
| 6. dictates    | f. orders           |
| 7. form        | g. make             |
| 8. key         | h. important        |
| 9. building    | i. putting together |
| 10. spend      | j. pay out          |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Alexander
- Theresa May
- King of the world
- Delivering Brexit
- Delivering Brexit
- Buckingham Palace
- 76
- 10 Downing Street
- The change he wants to see
- The police, education and social welfare

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- After Theresa announced her resignation in June.
- Boris realized a childhood dream of becoming leader.
- He wanted to be king of the world.
- His most pressing undertaking is to deliver Brexit.
- Johnson vowed to ensure this will be done.
- The official residence of the British leader.
- People who will take up key decision-making roles.
- I will take personal responsibility for the change.
- His first speech to the nation as PM.
- He promised to spend more money on police.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c    2. a    3. d    4. b    5. c    6. d    7. b    8. d    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 ;-)