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Level 1 – 22nd September, 2019

Canada's Justin Trudeau apologizes for brownface photo

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190922-brownface-1.html>

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190922-brownface-1.html>

Canada's leader Justin Trudeau apologized for photos of him in brownface. He wore make-up to look like a brown-skinned person. This is racist. There is a photo of Mr Trudeau in brownface taken when he was a teacher in 2001 at an end-of-year school gala. He dressed as a character from Aladdin. Mr Trudeau said he was sorry for the photo. He told reporters: "I shouldn't have done it. I should have known better, but I didn't. And I'm really sorry."

The photo could mean trouble for Mr Trudeau. He wants to stay as Canada's leader. His rival said: "Like all Canadians, I was extremely shocked and disappointed when I learned of...Trudeau's actions this evening. Wearing brownface is an act of...racism. It was just as racist in 2001 as it is in 2019." He said Trudeau was "not fit to govern this country". Another politician said in public Trudeau was very friendly, but "behind closed doors" he was a different person.

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2019/09/18/americas/justin-trudeau-brownface-photo-canada/index.html>
<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/lilley-2>
<https://vancouversun.com/news/local-news/trudeaus-brownface-mistake-could-cost-him-in-b-c-swing-ridings-expert-says>

PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190922-brownface-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. to look like a brown- | a. from Aladdin |
| 2. This is | b. have done it |
| 3. taken when he | c. racist |
| 4. at an end-of-year | d. known better |
| 5. dressed as a character | e. was a teacher |
| 6. Trudeau said | f. school gala |
| 7. I shouldn't | g. skinned person |
| 8. I should have | h. he was sorry |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The photo could mean trouble | a. was very friendly |
| 2. He wants to stay | b. for Mr Trudeau |
| 3. I was extremely shocked | c. in 2001 |
| 4. Wearing brownface is | d. doors |
| 5. It was just as racist | e. and disappointed |
| 6. not fit to govern | f. an act of racism |
| 7. in public Trudeau | g. as Canada's leader |
| 8. behind closed | h. this country |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) _____ him in brownface. He wore make-up to look like a brown-skinned person. (2) _____.

There is a photo of Mr Trudeau in brownface

(3) _____ was a teacher in 2001 at an end-of-year school gala. He dressed (4) _____ from

Aladdin. Mr Trudeau said he was (5) _____

photo. He told reporters: "I shouldn't have done it. I should have known better, but I didn't. And (6) _____."

The photo could (7) _____ Mr Trudeau. He wants

to stay as Canada's leader. (8) _____: "Like all

Canadians, I was (9) _____ disappointed when I

learned of...Trudeau's actions this evening. Wearing brownface is

an (10) _____. It was just as racist in 2001 as it

is in 2019." He said Trudeau was "not (11) _____

this country". Another politician said in public Trudeau was very

friendly, but "(12) _____" he was a different

person.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BROWNFACE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190922-brownface-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about brownface 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) _____

