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Level 2 – 22nd September, 2019

Canada's Justin Trudeau apologizes for brownface photo

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190922-brownface-2.html>

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190922-brownface-2.html>

Canada's Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, has apologized for photos of him in brownface. This is using make-up to look like a brown-skinned person. It is a racist, offensive and disrespectful act. A photo of Mr Trudeau in brownface was given to Time magazine. It was taken when he was a teacher in 2001 at an end-of-year school gala. Trudeau put on dark brown make-up to dress 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 be re-elected as Canada's leader. His biggest rival told reporters: "Like all Canadians, I was extremely shocked and disappointed when I learned of Justin 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 added that Mr Trudeau was "not fit to govern this country". Another politician said "We see one Mr. Trudeau in public and I'll be honest with you, he seems really nice - very friendly, very warm....But behind closed doors, he seems like he's...different."

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2019/09/18/americas/justin-trudeau-brownface-photo-canada/index.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Justin Trudeau has | a. disrespectful act |
| 2. using make-up to look like a | b. known better |
| 3. It is a racist, offensive and | c. he was a teacher |
| 4. It was taken when | d. brown make-up |
| 5. an end-of-year | e. apologized |
| 6. Trudeau put on dark | f. from Aladdin |
| 7. dress as a character | g. school gala |
| 8. I should have | h. brown-skinned person |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. He wants to be re-elected | a. really nice |
| 2. I was extremely shocked | b. as Canada's leader |
| 3. Wearing brownface is an | c. country |
| 4. It was just as | d. closed doors |
| 5. not fit to govern this | e. and disappointed |
| 6. We see one Mr. Trudeau | f. racist in 2001 |
| 7. he seems | g. in public |
| 8. behind | h. act of racism |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Canada's Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, (1) _____ photos of him in brownface. This is using make-up (2) _____ a brown-skinned person. It is a racist, offensive (3) _____. A photo of Mr Trudeau in brownface was given to Time magazine. It was (4) _____ was a teacher in 2001 at an end-of-year school gala. Trudeau put on dark brown make-up to dress as a character from Aladdin. Mr Trudeau said he was (5) _____ photo. He told reporters: "I shouldn't have done it. I should (6) _____, but I didn't. And I'm really sorry."

The photo (7) _____ for Mr Trudeau. He wants to be re-elected as Canada's leader. His (8) _____ reporters: "Like all Canadians, I was extremely shocked and disappointed when (9) _____ Justin Trudeau's actions this evening. Wearing brownface is an (10) _____. It was just as racist in 2001 as it is in 2019." He added that Mr Trudeau was "not (11) _____ this country". Another politician said "We see one Mr. Trudeau in public and I'll be honest with you, he seems really nice - very friendly, very warm....But (12) _____, he seems like he's...different."

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) _____

