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## **Level 0 – 11th December, 2019**

### **Finnish woman, 34, to be world's youngest prime minister**

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**Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191211-prime-minister-0.html>

A 34-year-old will be the world's youngest prime minister. Her name is Sanna Marin. She won an election on Sunday. She got 32 of the 61 votes to be her party's leader. Ms Marin was the minister of transport and communications. She is taking over as Finland's prime minister from the ex-prime minister. He quit last week.

Marin is excited about her new job. She said: "There's a lot of work to be done." She will review the government's program. She will also increase the popularity of her party. She wants people's trust. Marin is a new kind of leader. She shares photos of her private, social and political life on her Instagram page.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191211-prime-minister-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                         |                       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. A 34-year-old will   | a. votes              |
| 2. She won an           | b. minister           |
| 3. She got 32 of the 61 | c. election on Sunday |
| 4. be her party's       | d. last week          |
| 5. Ms Marin was the     | e. over               |
| 6. transport and        | f. communications     |
| 7. She is taking        | g. leader             |
| 8. He quit              | h. be                 |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Marin is excited        | a. to be done           |
| 2. There's a lot of work   | b. page                 |
| 3. She will review the     | c. trust                |
| 4. increase the popularity | d. photos               |
| 5. She wants people's      | e. and political life   |
| 6. She shares              | f. about her new job    |
| 7. her private, social     | g. of her party         |
| 8. on her Instagram        | h. government's program |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191211-prime-minister-0.html>

A 34-year-old (1) \_\_\_\_\_ world's youngest prime minister. Her name is Sanna Marin. She won (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday. She got 32 of the 61 votes to be (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Ms Marin was the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ and communications. She (5) \_\_\_\_\_ as Finland's prime minister from the ex-prime minister. He (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Marin (7) \_\_\_\_\_ her new job. She said: "There's a (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to be done." She (9) \_\_\_\_\_ government's program. She will also increase (10) \_\_\_\_\_ her party. She wants people's trust. Marin is a new (11) \_\_\_\_\_. She shares photos of her private, social (12) \_\_\_\_\_ on her Instagram page.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191211-prime-minister-0.html>

A 34-year-old will be the world's youngest prime minister. Her name is Sanna-Maria Aho. She won an election on Sunday. She got 32 of the 61 votes to become her party's leader. Ms Aho was the minister of transport and communications. She is taking over as Finland's prime minister from the ex-prime minister. He quit last week. Aho is excited about her new job. She said: "There's a lot of work to be done." She will review the government's program. She will also increase the popularity of her party. She wants people to trust her. Aho is a new kind of leader. She shares photos of her private, social and political life on her Instagram page.

# PRIME MINISTERS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191211-prime-minister-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about prime ministers 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) \_\_\_\_\_

