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Level 1 – 11th December, 2019

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

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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/1912/191211-prime-minister-1.html>

A 34-year-old will be the youngest prime minister in the world. Her name is Sanna Marin. She became the head of the Finnish Social Democrats Party in an election on Sunday. She got 32 of the 61 votes. Ms Marin was the minister of transport and communications. She is taking over as Finland's prime minister from her former boss, the ex-prime minister. He said last week that he was quitting. Marin will be the youngest prime minister in Finland's history.

Sanna Marin is excited about leading her country. She said: "There's a lot of work to be done." She will call a meeting to review the government's program. One of her first jobs is to increase the popularity of her party, saying: "We have a lot of work ahead to rebuild trust." The other four leaders in the coalition government are also women. Marin is a new kind of leader. She shares photos of her private, social and political life on her Instagram page.

Sources: <https://www.helsinkitimes.fi/finland/finland-news/politics/17078-social-democrats-selects-marin-as-its-candidate-to-succeed-rinne.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. A 34-year-old | a. and communications |
| 2. in an election | b. will be |
| 3. She got 32 of the 61 | c. Finland's history |
| 4. minister of transport | d. boss |
| 5. from her former | e. votes |
| 6. the ex- | f. he was quitting |
| 7. He said last week that | g. on Sunday |
| 8. the youngest prime minister in | h. prime minister |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. excited about leading | a. kind of leader |
| 2. There's a lot of work | b. rebuild trust |
| 3. increase the popularity | c. page |
| 4. a lot of work ahead to | d. her country |
| 5. in the coalition | e. and political life |
| 6. Marin is a new | f. to be done |
| 7. her private, social | g. government |
| 8. on her Instagram | h. of her party |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A 34-year-old will (1) _____ prime minister in the world. Her name is Sanna Marin. She (2) _____ of the Finnish Social Democrats Party in an election on Sunday. She got 32 of (3) _____. Ms Marin was the minister of transport and communications. She (4) _____ as Finland's prime minister from (5) _____, the ex-prime minister. He said last week that (6) _____. Marin will be the youngest prime minister in Finland's history.

Sanna Marin is excited about (7) _____. She said: "There's a lot of work to be done." She will call a (8) _____ the government's program. One of her first jobs is to (9) _____ of her party, saying: "We have a lot of work ahead (10) _____." The other four leaders (11) _____ government are also women. Marin is a new kind of leader. She shares photos of her private, social (12) _____ on her Instagram page.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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) _____

