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Level 4 – 7th March, 2022

UK government gives twice-fired politician top honour

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2203/220307-uk-knighthood-4.html>

The U.K. awarded one of its top honours to an ex-minister who was fired twice. Gavin Williamson, 45, will get a knighthood for services to public life. He will be a "Sir". Many politicians are angry. He was fired as Defence Secretary by then Prime Minister Theresa May in 2019 because of a leak about national security. Ms May said she had, "lost confidence in his ability". Current PM Boris Johnson fired him from being Education Secretary in 2021 after a series of gaffes.

Knighthoods are for Britons who have excelled and have been great leaders or winners. Williamson became a politician in 2010. One politician said he did not deserve the award, and was the "worst Education Secretary in history". Another called his record "disgraceful". She said he "left children to go hungry" and created two years of exam chaos. Some newspapers say the award is for Williamson's silence over allegations about Boris Johnson.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The U.K. awarded one | a. are angry |
| 2. an ex-minister who was fired | b. to public life |
| 3. a knighthood for service | c. in his ability |
| 4. He will be a | d. of gaffes |
| 5. Many politicians | e. of its top honours |
| 6. because of a leak about | f. "Sir" |
| 7. she had lost confidence | g. twice |
| 8. a series | h. national security |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|-----------------------|
| 1. Knighthoods are for Britons | a. over allegations |
| 2. great leaders or | b. politician in 2010 |
| 3. Williamson became a | c. in history |
| 4. he did not deserve | d. disgraceful |
| 5. the worst Education Secretary | e. who have excelled |
| 6. Another called his record | f. chaos |
| 7. created two years of exam | g. winners |
| 8. the award is for Williamson's silence | h. the award |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The U.K. (1) _____ its top honours to an ex-minister who was fired twice. Gavin Williamson, 45, will get a knighthood (2) _____ public life. He will be a "Sir". Many politicians are angry. He (3) _____ Defence Secretary by then Prime Minister Theresa May in 2019 because of (4) _____ national security. Ms May said she had, "lost confidence (5) _____". Current PM Boris Johnson fired him from being Education Secretary in 2021 after a (6) _____.

Knighthoods are for Britons (7) _____ and have been great (8) _____. Williamson became a politician in 2010. One politician said he did not (9) _____, and was the "worst Education Secretary in history". Another called (10) _____. She said he "left children (11) _____" and created two years of exam chaos. Some newspapers say the award is for Williamson's (12) _____ about Boris Johnson.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HONOURS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about honours 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) _____

