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UK government gives twice-fired politician top honour

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2203/220307-uk-knighthood-5.html>

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

Knighthoods are for Britons who have excelled in their field. Recipients have spent decades as top leaders or winners. Williamson only became a politician in 2010. Other politicians say he is undeserving of the honour. One said the only award he should get was "worst Education Secretary in history". Another said his record was "disgraceful". She said: "Williamson left children to go hungry and created two years of complete chaos over exams." Some newspapers said the award is in return for Williamson keeping quiet about allegations about Boris Johnson.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The U.K. has awarded one of | a. fired Williamson |
| 2. an ex-minister who | b. to public life |
| 3. a knighthood for service | c. over this |
| 4. He will be "Sir" | d. was fired twice |
| 5. politicians are angry | e. of gaffes |
| 6. regarding the UK's national | f. Gavin |
| 7. Current PM Boris Johnson | g. security |
| 8. a series | h. its highest honours |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Britons who have excelled | a. of the honour |
| 2. Williamson only became a | b. about Boris Johnson |
| 3. he is undeserving | c. politician in 2010 |
| 4. the only award he | d. to go hungry |
| 5. Another said his record | e. chaos |
| 6. Williamson left children | f. in their field |
| 7. two years of complete | g. was disgraceful |
| 8. keeping quiet about allegations | h. should get |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Knighthoods are for Britons (7) _____ in their field. Recipients have spent decades as top (8) _____. Williamson only became a politician in 2010. Other politicians say he is undeserving of the honour. One said the only award he should (9) _____ Education Secretary in history". Another said his record was "disgraceful". She said: "Williamson left children to go (10) _____ two years of complete chaos over exams." Some newspapers said the award is (11) _____ Williamson keeping (12) _____ about Boris Johnson.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HONOURS SURVEY

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

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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **honours** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
