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Level 5 – 8th July 2024

UK elects 22-year-old as a Member of Parliament

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

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THE READING

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A 22-year-old has been elected as a Member of Parliament (MP) in the UK. Sam Carling won the seat in Thursday's general election by a very slim majority. Mr Carling, from the Labour Party, narrowly beat his Conservative Party rival by 39 votes. He will now sit in Parliament and represent the interests of the people in his Cambridge seat. At Westminster, he will be called the "baby of the House". Carling graduated from Cambridge University. He called his victory a "political earthquake". He hopes he will encourage young people to enter politics, and "tackle apathy".

Mr Carling became interested in politics after he saw social and economic decline in the UK. He grew up in "a deprived area" in the north of England. The Conservative Party had promised to turn the north into an economic "powerhouse". However, it did not keep its promises. Carling said he is worried about empty shops on high streets that used to be "thriving" hubs, but are now wastelands. He hopes he can help undo 14 years of Conservative misrule, scandal and corruption. Britain's public services are in chaos and people are worse off than they were 14 years ago.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. elected as a | a. in Parliament |
| 2. Carling won the | b. election |
| 3. in Thursday's general | c. apathy |
| 4. by a very slim | d. rival |
| 5. beat his Conservative Party | e. Member of Parliament |
| 6. He will now sit | f. of the people |
| 7. represent the interests | g. majority |
| 8. tackle | h. seat |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Mr Carling became interested | a. its promises |
| 2. he saw social and | b. deprived area |
| 3. He grew up in a | c. misrule |
| 4. turn the north into an | d. economic decline |
| 5. it did not keep | e. off than they were |
| 6. high streets that used to be | f. economic powerhouse |
| 7. undo 14 years of Conservative | g. "thriving" hubs |
| 8. people are worse | h. in politics |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A 22-year-old has (1) _____ a Member of Parliament (MP) in the UK. Sam Carling won the seat in Thursday's general election by a (2) _____. Mr Carling, from the Labour Party, (3) _____ Conservative Party rival by 39 votes. He will now sit in Parliament and (4) _____ of the people in his Cambridge seat. At Westminster, he will be called the "baby of the House". Carling graduated from Cambridge University. He called his victory (5) _____. He hopes he will encourage young people to enter politics, (6) _____.

Mr Carling became (7) _____ after he saw social and economic decline in the UK. He grew up in a (8) _____ the north of England. The Conservative Party had (9) _____ the north into an economic "powerhouse". However, it did not keep its promises. Carling said he is worried about empty shops on high streets that used to (10) _____, but are now wastelands. He hopes he can help undo 14 years of Conservative misrule, (11) _____. Britain's public services are in (12) _____ are worse off than they were 14 years ago.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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POLITICIANS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2407/240708-member-of-parliament-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about politicians 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) _____

