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Level 4 – 23rd February 2026

UK mulls removing former Prince Andrew from line to become monarch

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

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THE READING

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The UK monarchy is facing its biggest crisis for a century. The former Prince Andrew was arrested on suspicion of misconduct in public office. He was held at a police station. There are allegations he gave confidential trade information to Jeffrey Epstein. The UK government is now thinking about removing him from the line to be UK monarch. This can only be changed with a new law. Andrew is currently eighth in line.

In 1936, King Edward VIII abdicated. The UK government passed a law to recognize Edward was no longer king. A similar law could affect Andrew. Last year, King Charles III formally stripped Andrew of his title of prince. Andrew can no longer be called "Prince Andrew". His name is now Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor. He has yet to talk about the allegations of misconduct. He has always denied doing anything wrong regarding Epstein.

Sources: <https://www.npr.org/2026/02/20/g-s1-110915/uk-former-prince-andrew-epstein-investigation>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c1kgv837wvdo>
<https://royalcentral.co.uk/royal-news/succession-andrew-out-216839/>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The UK monarchy is facing | a. in public office |
| 2. The former Prince Andrew | b. with a new law |
| 3. on suspicion of misconduct | c. information |
| 4. He was held | d. in line |
| 5. confidential trade | e. to be UK monarch |
| 6. removing him from the line | f. was arrested |
| 7. This can only be changed | g. at a police station |
| 8. Andrew is currently eighth | h. its biggest crisis |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. In 1936, King Edward VIII | a. stripped Andrew |
| 2. The UK government passed | b. affect Andrew |
| 3. recognize Edward was no | c. a law |
| 4. A similar law could | d. of misconduct |
| 5. King Charles III formally | e. of prince |
| 6. his title | f. abdicated |
| 7. talk about the allegations | g. anything wrong |
| 8. He has always denied doing | h. longer king |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The UK (1) _____ its biggest crisis
(2) _____. The former Prince Andrew was arrested
(3) _____ misconduct in public office. He was held
at a police station. There are allegations he
(4) _____ information to Jeffrey Epstein. The UK
government is now thinking about (5) _____ the
line to be UK monarch. This can only be changed with a new law. Andrew is
currently (6) _____.

In 1936, King Edward VIII abdicated. The UK government
(7) _____ to recognize Edward was no longer king.
A (8) _____ affect Andrew. Last year, King Charles
III formally stripped Andrew of his (9) _____.
Andrew can no (10) _____ "Prince Andrew". His
name is now Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor. He has yet to talk
(11) _____ of misconduct. He has always denied
doing (12) _____ Epstein.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ROYAL FAMILIES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about royal families 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) _____

