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**Level 5** – 23rd February 2026

## UK mulls removing former Prince Andrew from line to become monarch

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# THE READING

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The British monarchy is facing its biggest crisis for almost a century. The former Prince Andrew was arrested on suspicion of misconduct in public office. This offence carries a possible sentence of life imprisonment. On Thursday, he was held in custody at a police station. There are allegations that Andrew gave confidential trade information to Jeffrey Epstein. The British government is now thinking about removing him from the line of succession to the throne. Andrew is currently eighth in line to be monarch. This can only be changed with a new law.

In 1936, King Edward VIII abdicated. The UK government passed a law to recognize the fact that he was no longer king. A similar law could affect Andrew. He has been involved in many scandals because of his association with Epstein. Last year, King Charles III formally stripped Andrew of his title of prince. Andrew can no longer be called "Prince Andrew", nor can he use his other royal titles. He is now known as Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor. He has yet to comment on the allegations of misconduct, but 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 British monarchy is facing | a. arrested            |
| 2. The former Prince Andrew was   | b. with a new law      |
| 3. on suspicion of misconduct     | c. at a police station |
| 4. a possible sentence of life    | d. to the throne       |
| 5. he was held in custody         | e. its biggest crisis  |
| 6. the line of succession         | f. in public office    |
| 7. Andrew is currently eighth in  | g. imprisonment        |
| 8. This can only be changed       | h. line to be monarch  |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                      |                       |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. In 1936, King Edward VIII         | a. many scandals      |
| 2. The UK government passed          | b. longer king        |
| 3. recognize the fact that he was no | c. on the allegations |
| 4. A similar law could               | d. abdicated          |
| 5. He has been involved in           | e. of his title       |
| 6. formally stripped Andrew          | f. anything wrong     |
| 7. He has yet to comment             | g. a law              |
| 8. denied doing                      | h. affect Andrew      |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The British (1) \_\_\_\_\_ its biggest crisis for almost a century. The former Prince Andrew was arrested on suspicion (2) \_\_\_\_\_ public office. This offence carries a possible sentence of life imprisonment. On Thursday, he was (3) \_\_\_\_\_ at a police station. There are allegations that Andrew (4) \_\_\_\_\_ information to Jeffrey Epstein. The British government is now thinking about removing him from the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to the throne. Andrew is (6) \_\_\_\_\_ line to be monarch. This can only be changed with a new law.

In 1936, King Edward VIII abdicated. The UK government passed a law to (7) \_\_\_\_\_ that he was no longer king. A similar law could affect Andrew. He has (8) \_\_\_\_\_ many scandals because of his association with Epstein. Last year, King Charles III formally stripped Andrew of his (9) \_\_\_\_\_. Andrew can no longer be called "Prince Andrew", nor can he use his (10) \_\_\_\_\_. He is now known as Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor. He has (11) \_\_\_\_\_ on the allegations of misconduct, but (12) \_\_\_\_\_ doing anything wrong regarding Epstein.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# ROYAL FAMILIES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2602/260223-andrew-mountbatten-windsor-4.html>

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<br>_____ | STUDENT 2<br>_____ | STUDENT 3<br>_____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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) \_\_\_\_\_

