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

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# THE ARTICLE

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The biggest constitutional crisis for almost a century is enveloping the British monarchy. The former Prince Andrew was arrested on suspicion of misconduct in public office, an offence that can carry a sentence of life imprisonment. On Thursday, he was held in custody for nearly 11 hours. UK police are investigating allegations that Andrew shared confidential trade information with the late convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. Andrew was a UK trade envoy between 2001 and 2011. The British government is now considering removing him from the line of succession to the throne. Andrew is currently eighth in line to be the monarch. This can only be changed with new legislation.

In 1936, the former King Edward VIII abdicated. The UK government passed a law to recognize the abdication and to declare that Edward had ceased to be king. A similar law could affect Andrew, who has been mired in controversy regarding his association with Epstein. Subsequent scandals resulted in Andrew being formally stripped of his title of prince last year by his brother King Charles III. This meant Andrew can no longer be called "Prince Andrew", nor can he use his other royal titles. He is now known simply as Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor. He has yet to comment on the allegations of misconduct, but has consistently denied any wrongdoing in his connection with 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/>

# WARM-UPS

**1. ROYAL FAMILIES:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about royal families. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

constitution / crises / monarchy / misconduct / life imprisonment / trade / legislation / king / government / controversy / scandals / title / royal / wrongdoing / allegations

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. MONARCHY:** Students A **strongly** believe monarchies are a great thing; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. BEING A PRINCE(SS):** How would being a prince/princess affect the things in the table? What would you do if you were a royal? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Being a Prince/Princess	Me
The law		
Shopping		
Housing		
Travel		
Privacy		
Security		

**5. KING:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "king". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. FAME:** Rank these with your partner. Put the most interesting way of being famous at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Prince/Princess
- Bestselling writer
- Sports superstar
- Top influencer
- President/Prime minister
- Singing superstar
- Top movie star
- Tech/AI CEO

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| 1. constitutional     | a. Covering something completely.                              |
| 2. enveloping         | b. Because people think someone may have done something wrong. |
| 3. monarchy           | c. The order of people who will become king or queen.          |
| 4. on suspicion of    | d. A country that has a king or queen as the head of state.    |
| 5. sentence           | e. Kept by the police and not allowed to leave.                |
| 6. held in custody    | f. Connected to the basic laws of a country.                   |
| 7. line of succession | g. A punishment given by a court.                              |

## Paragraph 2

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. abdication   | h. Stopped.   |
| 9. ceased       | i. Deeply involved in something bad or difficult.                             |
| 10. mired in    | j. Bad or wrong behaviour.  |
| 11. controversy | k. Taken away from someone.   |
| 12. stripped    | l. Strong disagreement or public argument.                                    |
| 13. allegations | m. When a king or queen chooses to stop being king or queen.                  |
| 14. misconduct  | n. Statements that say someone did something wrong, but it is not yet proven. |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. Andrew's arrest is the biggest royal crisis for more than 100 years. **T / F**
2. There is a possibility Andrew could spend the rest of his life in prison. **T / F**
3. There are allegations that Andrew shared secret trade information. **T / F**
4. Andrew is currently third in line to the British throne. **T / F**
5. In 1936, the then UK king stepped down from his role. **T / F**
6. Andrew's brother King Charles III took away his title of prince. **T / F**
7. Andrew has many other royal titles he can still use. **T / F**
8. Andrew spoke to the press about why he was arrested. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. <b>crisis</b>      | a. claims         |
| 2. <b>misconduct</b>  | b. ambassador     |
| 3. <b>offence</b>     | c. laws           |
| 4. <b>envoy</b>       | d. deprived       |
| 5. <b>legislation</b> | e. critical point |
| 6. <b>abdicated</b>   | f. repudiated     |
| 7. <b>subsequent</b>  | g. stood down     |
| 8. <b>stripped</b>    | h. wrongdoing     |
| 9. <b>allegations</b> | i. later          |
| 10. <b>denied</b>     | j. crime          |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |  |                               |
|--|-------------------------------|
| 1. The biggest constitutional crisis for | a. of life imprisonment       |
| 2. arrested on suspicion of misconduct   | b. allegations of misconduct  |
| 3. an offence that can carry a sentence  | c. with new legislation       |
| 4. Andrew is currently eighth in         | d. wrongdoing                 |
| 5. This can only be changed              | e. almost a century           |
| 6. In 1936, the former                   | f. in controversy             |
| 7. mired                                 | g. title of prince            |
| 8. formally stripped of his              | h. line to be the monarch     |
| 9. He has yet to comment on the          | i. King Edward VIII abdicated |
| 10. consistently denied any              | j. in public office           |

# GAP FILL

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

The biggest constitutional (1) \_\_\_\_\_ for almost a century is enveloping the British (2) \_\_\_\_\_. The former Prince Andrew was arrested on (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of misconduct in public office, an offence that can carry a sentence of life imprisonment. On Thursday, he was held in (4) \_\_\_\_\_ for nearly 11 hours. UK police are investigating allegations that Andrew shared (5) \_\_\_\_\_ trade information with the late convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. Andrew was a UK trade (6) \_\_\_\_\_ between 2001 and 2011. The British government is now considering removing him from the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of succession to the throne. Andrew is (8) \_\_\_\_\_ eighth in line to be the monarch. This can only be changed with new legislation.

*confidential*  
*currently*  
*suspicion*  
*line*  
*crisis*  
*custody*  
*monarchy*  
*envoy*

In 1936, the former King Edward VIII (9) \_\_\_\_\_. The UK government passed a law to recognize the abdication and to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ that Edward had ceased to be king. A similar law could affect Andrew, who has been (11) \_\_\_\_\_ in controversy regarding his association with Epstein. Subsequent (12) \_\_\_\_\_ resulted in Andrew being formally stripped of his (13) \_\_\_\_\_ of Prince last year by his brother King Charles III. This meant Andrew can no longer be called "Prince Andrew", nor can he use his other royal (14) \_\_\_\_\_. He is now known simply as Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor. He has yet to (15) \_\_\_\_\_ on the allegations of misconduct, but has consistently denied any (16) \_\_\_\_\_ in his connection with Epstein.

*title*  
*declare*  
*scandals*  
*abdicated*  
*comment*  
*mired*  
*wrongdoing*  
*titles*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) The biggest constitutional crisis for almost a century is enveloping \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the British monarch
  - b. the British monarchial
  - c. the British monarchist
  - d. the British monarchy
- 2) misconduct in public office, an offence that can carry a sentence \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. of life in prison meant
  - b. of life imprison meant
  - c. of life imprison mint
  - d. of life imprisonment
- 3) On Thursday, he was held in custody for \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. nearly 11 hours
  - b. near the 11 hours
  - c. nearly 11 hourly
  - d. really 11 hours
- 4) now considering removing him from the line of succession \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to the throng
  - b. to the throne
  - c. to the thong
  - d. to the thrown
- 5) Andrew is currently eighth in line to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. been the monarch
  - b. be the monastic
  - c. be the monarch
  - d. be the moan knack
- 6) The UK government passed a law to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. recognize the ab dictation
  - b. recognize the ab diction
  - c. recognize the addiction
  - d. recognize the abdication
- 7) A similar law could affect Andrew, who has been \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. mired in controversial
  - b. mired in controversy
  - c. mired on controversy
  - d. mailed in controversy
- 8) Subsequent scandals resulted in Andrew being formally \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. striped of his title
  - b. stripped of his title
  - c. strapped of his title
  - d. stippled of his title
- 9) Andrew can no longer be called "Prince Andrew", nor can he use his \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. other royal titles
  - b. another royal titles
  - c. others royal titles
  - d. othered royal titles
- 10) comment on the allegations of misconduct, but has consistently \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. defied any wrongdoing
  - b. defiled any wrongdoing
  - c. decried any wrongdoing
  - d. denied any wrongdoing

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

The biggest constitutional crisis for (1) \_\_\_\_\_ is enveloping the British monarchy. The former Prince Andrew was arrested on (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in public office, an offence that can carry a sentence of life imprisonment. On Thursday, he was (3) \_\_\_\_\_ for nearly 11 hours. UK police are investigating allegations that Andrew (4) \_\_\_\_\_ information with the late convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. Andrew was a UK trade envoy between 2001 and 2011. The British government is now considering removing him from the line (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the throne. Andrew is currently eighth in line to be the monarch. This can only be changed (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

In 1936, the former King Edward VIII abdicated. The UK government passed a law to (7) \_\_\_\_\_ and to declare that Edward had ceased to be king. A similar law could affect Andrew, who has (8) \_\_\_\_\_ controversy regarding his association with Epstein. Subsequent scandals resulted in Andrew (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of his title of prince last year by his brother King Charles III. This meant Andrew can no longer be called "Prince Andrew", nor can he use his (10) \_\_\_\_\_. He is now known simply as Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor. He has (11) \_\_\_\_\_ on the allegations of misconduct, but has consistently (12) \_\_\_\_\_ in his connection with Epstein.

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What is a constitutional crisis enveloping?
2. What is Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor suspected of?
3. What is a possible sentence if Andrew is found guilty?
4. When was Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor a trade envoy?
5. Where on the line of succession to the UK throne is Andrew?
6. When did the former King Edward VIII abdicate?
7. What has Andrew been mired in?
8. Who stripped Andrew of his title of prince?
9. What can Andrew not use besides the title of prince?
10. What has Andrew not yet commented on?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What is a constitutional crisis enveloping?
  - a) websites
  - b) the UK press
  - c) world news
  - d) the British monarchy
- 2) What is Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor suspected of?
  - a) many things
  - b) misconduct in public office
  - c) impersonating a prince
  - d) a secret offence
- 3) What is a possible sentence if Andrew is found guilty?
  - a) a suspended prison sentence
  - b) a million-dollar fine
  - c) community service
  - d) life imprisonment
- 4) When was Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor a trade envoy?
  - a) 2003 and 2012
  - b) 2002 and 2012
  - c) 2001 and 2011
  - d) 2000 and 2011
- 5) Where on the line of succession to the UK throne is Andrew?
  - a) second
  - b) third
  - c) fifth
  - d) eighth
- 6) When did the former King Edward VIII abdicate?
  - a) 1916
  - b) 1926
  - c) 1936
  - d) 1946
- 7) What has Andrew been mired in?
  - a) controversy
  - b) red tape
  - c) gossip
  - d) debt
- 8) Who stripped Andrew of his title of prince?
  - a) a panel of royal experts
  - b) the UK Prime Minister
  - c) King Charles III
  - d) the UK police
- 9) What can Andrew not use besides the title of prince?
  - a) Buckingham Palace business cards
  - b) other royal titles
  - c) the use of bodyguards
  - d) the royal Rolls Royce
- 10) What has Andrew not yet commented on?
  - a) the allegations of misconduct
  - b) his role as a former prince
  - c) his future
  - d) the police

# ROLE PLAY

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

## **Role A – Prince/Princess**

You think being a prince/princess is the most interesting way of being famous. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): sports superstar, top influencer or president.

## **Role B – Sports Superstar**

You think being a sports superstar is the most interesting way of being famous. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): prince/princess, top influencer or president.

## **Role C – Top Influencer**

You think being a top influencer is the most interesting way of being famous. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): sports superstar, prince/princess or president.

## **Role D – President**

You think being president is the most interesting way of being famous. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): sports superstar, top influencer or prince/princess.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'prince' and 'king'.

<b>prince</b>	<b>king</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• biggest</li><li>• suspicion</li><li>• sentence</li><li>• shared</li><li>• now</li><li>• new</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• passed</li><li>• similar</li><li>• resulted</li><li>• longer</li><li>• simply</li><li>• consistently</li></ul>
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# ROYAL FAMILIES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2602/260223-andrew-mountbatten-windsor.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 _____	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.

# ROYAL FAMILIES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'prince'?
3. What do you know about the British monarchy?
4. What do you know about Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor?
5. Do you think a royal should be able to be arrested?
6. What would it be like to be sentenced to prison for life?
7. Should Andrew be removed from the British line of succession?
8. What would it be like to be a prince?
9. Should princes and princesses only be in fairy stories?
10. What advice do you have for Andrew?

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# ROYAL FAMILIES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'king'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of the idea of royal families?
15. Should Britons be proud of their royal family?
16. What controversies have there been in your country recently?
17. What scandals are going on in your country?
18. Would you like to be a royal?
19. What should happen to Andrew from now?
20. What questions would you like to ask Andrew?

# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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

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**Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.**

- |     |                  |                |                |             |
|-----|------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| 1.  | (a) critic       | (b) crisis     | (c) crises     | (d) critics |
| 2.  | (a) at           | (b) on         | (c) in         | (d) by      |
| 3.  | (a) at           | (b) on         | (c) in         | (d) by      |
| 4.  | (a) trade        | (b) tirade     | (c) tardy      | (d) trad    |
| 5.  | (a) remove       | (b) removing   | (c) removal    | (d) removes |
| 6.  | (a) at           | (b) on         | (c) in         | (d) by      |
| 7.  | (a) parsed       | (b) pasted     | (c) passed     | (d) past    |
| 8.  | (a) admired      | (b) marred     | (c) mired      | (d) mad     |
| 9.  | (a) get          | (b) be         | (c) been       | (d) being   |
| 10. | (a) lengthen     | (b) longings   | (c) longing    | (d) longer  |
| 11. | (a) simply       | (b) simple     | (c) simpleton  | (d) simples |
| 12. | (a) wrong-footed | (b) wrong-head | (c) wrongdoing | (d) wrongun |

# SPELLING

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

## Paragraph 1

1. The biggest uttsalciontnoi crisis for almost a century
2. enveloping the British aromchyn
3. on inuoscp of misconduct in public office
4. UK police are investigating oelganiltsa
5. removing him from the line of isscuosnec
6. This can only be changed with new nolaiseglti

## Paragraph 2

7. the former King Edward VIII cdbdaetai
8. Edward had aecsed to be king
9. rdime in controversy
10. regarding his tosiasincoa
11. usneqeusbt scandals
12. denied any riowngdng

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) a sentence of life imprisonment. On Thursday, he was held in custody for nearly 11 hours. UK police are investigating
- ( ) affect Andrew, who has been mired in controversy regarding his association with Epstein. Subsequent scandals
- ( ) allegations that Andrew shared confidential trade information with the late convicted sex
- ( ) Andrew can no longer be called "Prince Andrew", nor can he use his other royal titles. He is now known simply
- ( ) as Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor. He has yet to comment on the allegations of
- ( ) considering removing him from the line of succession to the throne. Andrew is currently eighth in
- ( ) In 1936, the former King Edward VIII abdicated. The UK government passed a law to
- ( ) line to be king. This can only be changed with new legislation.
- ( ) misconduct, but has consistently denied any wrongdoing in his connection with Epstein.
- ( ) monarchy. The former Prince Andrew was arrested on suspicion of misconduct in public office, an offence that can carry
- ( ) offender Jeffrey Epstein. Andrew was a UK trade envoy between 2001 and 2011. The British government is now
- ( ) recognize the abdication and to declare that Edward had ceased to be king. A similar law could
- ( ) resulted in Andrew being formally stripped of his title of prince last year by his brother King Charles III. This meant
- ( **1** ) The biggest constitutional crisis for almost a century is enveloping the British

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. a almost biggest century . constitutional crisis for The
2. Arrested in misconduct of office . on public suspicion
3. a An imprisonment . life offence of sentence with
4. Allegations confidential he information shared that trade information .
5. Andrew's be currently eighth in line monarch . the to
6. be ceased Declare Edward had king . that to
7. association . been controversy He's his in mired regarding his
8. can he his Nor other royal titles . use
9. allegations . comment has He on the yet to
10. any consistently denied He has wrongdoing .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

The biggest constitutional *crises / crisis* for almost a century is enveloping the British *monarchy / monarch*. The former Prince Andrew was arrested *in / on* suspicion of misconduct in public office, an offence that can carry a sentence of *live / life* imprisonment. On Thursday, he was held *in / at* custody for nearly 11 hours. UK police are investigating allegations *that / what* Andrew shared confidential trade information with the *late / later* convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. Andrew was a UK *trade / traded* envoy between 2001 and 2011. The British government is now *considered / considering* removing him from the line of succession to the throne. Andrew is currently eighth *on / in* line to be the monarch. This can only be changed with new legislation.

In 1936, the former King Edward VIII *admonished / abdicated*. The UK government passed a law to recognize the abdication and to declare that Edward had *seized / ceased* to be king. A similar law could *affect / effect* Andrew, who has been *hired / mired* in controversy regarding his association with Epstein. Subsequent scandals resulted in Andrew being formally *stripped / striped* of his title of prince last year by his brother King Charles III. This meant Andrew can *no / not* longer be called "Prince Andrew", nor can he use his other *royally / royal* titles. He is now known *simple / simply* as Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor. He has yet to comment *in / on* the allegations of misconduct, but has consistently denied any wrongdoing in his *connection / connects* with Epstein.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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The biggest constitutional crisis for almost a century since the British monarchy. The former Prince Andrew was arrested on suspicion of misconduct in public life, and forced to resign his title. On Thursday, he was held in custody for nearly 11 hours. The public is investigating allegations that Andrew shared confidential information with the late convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. Andrew was the UK's third richest man between 2001 and 2011. The British government is now considering removing him from the line of succession to the throne. Andrew is currently eighth in line to the throne. This can only be changed with new legislation.

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. ROYAL FAMILIES:** Make a poster about royal families. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. REPUBLICS:** Write a magazine article about turning all of the world's monarchies into republics. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on royal families. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on monarchies. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. f    2. a    3. d    4. b    5. g    6. e    7. c  
8. m    9. h    10. i    11. l    12. k    13. n    14. j

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F    2 T    3 T    4 F    5 T    6 T    7 F    8 F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. e	2. h	3. j	4. b	5. c
6. g	7. i	8. d	9. a	10. f

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- The British monarchy
- Misconduct in public office
- Life imprisonment
- Between 2001 and 2011
- Eighth
- In 1936
- Controversy
- King Charles III
- Other royal titles
- The allegations of misconduct

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- The biggest constitutional crisis for almost a century.
- Arrested on suspicion of misconduct in public office.
- An offence with a sentence of life imprisonment.
- Allegations that he shared confidential trade information.
- Andrew's currently eighth in line to be the monarch.
- Declare that Edward had ceased to be king.
- He's been mired in controversy regarding his association.
- Nor can he use his other royal titles.
- He has yet to comment on the allegations.
- He has consistently denied any wrongdoing.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. d    2. b    3. d    4. c    5. d    6. c    7. a    8. c    9. b    10. a

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)