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Level 1 – 9th July 2026

Prince Harry not allowed to stay at Buckingham Palace

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260709-buckingham-palace-1.html>

Prince Harry cannot stay at Buckingham Palace while he is in the U.K. This is because he missed a deadline to tell the palace about his plans. Harry was going to visit the U.K. with his wife and children. However, he didn't bring his family because the U.K. would not pay for police protection. Harry decided not to stay at the palace if his family could not visit with him. He then changed his mind. However, the palace said his change of plan was too late.

Newspapers are full of stories about the relationship between Harry and his family. Relations have not been good since 2020. That is when he moved to California. He left to protect his family from the press. In 2022, Harry released a Netflix documentary. A year later, his book "Spare" was published. The two things made relations with his brother Prince William worse. King Charles is sad. He wants to see his grandchildren.

Sources: <https://www.yahoo.com/news/world/article/prince-harrys-trip-to-the-uk-is-already-mired-in-controversy-its-all-over-a-withdrawn-invitation-to-buckingham-palace-170304494.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Prince Harry cannot | a. his plans |
| 2. while he is | b. protection |
| 3. This is because he missed | c. stay |
| 4. tell the palace about | d. a deadline |
| 5. Harry was going to visit the U.K. | e. family |
| 6. he didn't bring his | f. mind |
| 7. pay for police | g. in the U.K. |
| 8. He then changed his | h. with his wife |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Newspapers are full | a. and his family |
| 2. the relationship between Harry | b. his grandchildren |
| 3. Relations have not been good | c. to California |
| 4. That is when he moved | d. documentary |
| 5. protect his family | e. since 2020 |
| 6. Harry released a Netflix | f. published |
| 7. his book "Spare" was | g. of stories |
| 8. He wants to see | h. from the press |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Prince Harry (1) _____ Buckingham Palace while he is in the U.K. This is because he (2) _____ to tell the palace about his plans. Harry was (3) _____ the U.K. with his wife and children. However, he didn't bring his family because the U.K. would not pay (4) _____. Harry decided not to stay at the palace if his family could not visit with him. He then (5) _____. However, the palace said his change of plan (6) _____.

Newspapers are (7) _____ about the relationship between Harry and his family. Relations have not (8) _____ 2020. That is when he moved to California. He left to (9) _____ from the press. In 2022, Harry released a Netflix documentary. (10) _____, his book "Spare" was published. The two things (11) _____ his brother Prince William worse. King Charles is sad. He (12) _____ his grandchildren.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Buckingham Palace 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) _____

