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**Level 2 – 9th July 2026**

## **Prince Harry not allowed to stay at Buckingham Palace**

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**Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260709-buckingham-palace-2.html>

Prince Harry is not allowed to stay at Buckingham Palace while he is in the U.K. this week. This is because Harry missed a deadline to tell the palace of his plans. Harry was going to visit the U.K. with his wife Meghan and their two children. However, the prince decided not to bring his family because the U.K. would not pay for police protection for them. News reports say Harry decided not to stay at the palace if his family could not visit with him. He then changed his mind. He said he would stay alone. 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 Harry stopped working as a royal. He left the U.K. and moved to California. He wanted to protect his family from the press. In 2022, Harry and Meghan released a Netflix documentary. This criticized the royal family and the media. It led to bad blood between Harry and his family. His book "Spare" was published in 2023. This made relations with his brother Prince William worse. King Charles is sad because he can't 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https://www.yahoo.com/news/world/article/prince-harrys-trip-to-the-uk-is-already-mired-in-controversy-its-all-over-a-withdrawn-invitation-to-buckingham-palace-170304494.html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 is not        | a. a deadline      |
| 2. while he is in the U.K.    | b. late            |
| 3. Harry missed               | c. his mind        |
| 4. tell the palace of his     | d. allowed to stay |
| 5. pay for police             | e. stay alone      |
| 6. He then changed            | f. protection      |
| 7. He said he would           | g. this week       |
| 8. his change of plan was too | h. plans           |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                         |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Newspapers are full             | a. the press            |
| 2. the relationship between Harry  | b. good since 2020      |
| 3. Relations have not been         | c. blood                |
| 4. Harry stopped working           | d. moved to California  |
| 5. He left the U.K. and            | e. and his family       |
| 6. protect his family from         | f. Prince William worse |
| 7. It led to bad                   | g. as a royal           |
| 8. made relations with his brother | h. of stories           |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Prince Harry is not (1) \_\_\_\_\_ at Buckingham Palace while he is in the U.K. this week. This is because Harry (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to tell the palace of his plans. Harry was going to visit the U.K. with his wife Meghan and their two children. However, the prince (3) \_\_\_\_\_ bring his family because the U.K. would not pay for police protection for them. News reports say Harry (4) \_\_\_\_\_ stay at the palace if his family could not visit with him. He then (5) \_\_\_\_\_. He said he would stay alone. The palace said his (6) \_\_\_\_\_ was too late.

Newspapers are (7) \_\_\_\_\_ about the relationship between Harry and his family. Relations have not been good since 2020. That is when Harry (8) \_\_\_\_\_ a royal. He left the U.K. and moved to California. He wanted to protect his family (9) \_\_\_\_\_. In 2022, Harry and Meghan released a Netflix documentary. (10) \_\_\_\_\_ royal family and the media. It led (11) \_\_\_\_\_ between Harry and his family. His book "Spare" was published in 2023. This made (12) \_\_\_\_\_ brother Prince William worse. King Charles is sad because he can't see his grandchildren.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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eU.K.thisweek.ThisisbecauseHarrymissedadeadlinetotellthepalace  
ofhisplans.HarrywasgoingtovisittheU.K.withhiswifeMeghanandtheir  
twochildren.However,theprincedecidednottobringhisfamilybecause  
theU.K.wouldnotpayforpoliceprotectionforthem.NewsreportssayHa  
rrydecidednottostayatthepalaceifhisfamilycouldnotvisitwithhim.He  
thenchangedhismind.Hesaidhewouldstayalone.Thepalacesaidhisch  
angeofplanwastoolate.Newspapersarefullofstoriesabouttherelation  
shipbetweenHarryandhisfamily.Relationshavenotbeengoodsince20  
20.ThatiswhenHarrystoppedworkingasaroyal.HelefttheU.K.andmo  
vedtoCalifornia.Hewantedtoprotecthisfamilyfromthepress.In2022,  
HarryandMeghanreleasedaNetflixdocumentary.Thisriticizedtheroy  
alfamilyandthemedia.ItledtobadbloodbetweenHarryandhisfamily.H  
isbook"Spare"waspublishedin2023.Thismaderelationswithhisbroth  
erPrinceWilliamworse.KingCharlesissadbecausehecan'tseehisgrand  
children.

# 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) \_\_\_\_\_

