

Prince Harry not allowed to stay at Buckingham Palace

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Britain's Prince Harry has been told he will not be allowed to stay at Buckingham Palace while he is in the U.K. this week. This is despite Harry being a member of the British royal family. BBC News reported that Harry missed a

deadline to tell the palace of his plans. Harry was due to visit the U.K. with his wife Meghan and their two children, Prince Archie and Princess Lilibet. However, the prince decided not to bring his family because the British government 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 the U.K. He then changed his mind and said he would stay alone. The palace said his change of plan was too late.

Newspapers in the U.K. are now full of stories about the relationship between Harry and the royals. Relations have not been good since early 2020. That is when Harry stepped down as a working royal. He left the U.K. and moved to California. He said he wanted to protect his young family from the press. In December 2022, Harry and Meghan released their Netflix documentary "Harry & Meghan". This criticized the royal family and the media in the U.K. It led to more bad blood between Harry and his family. His memoir "Spare" was published in early 2023. This worsened relations with his brother Prince William. Britain's King Charles is said to be sad about not being able to see his grandchildren.

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Writing

Royal palaces should become museums or public facilities. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

prince / palace / royal family / deadline / plans / visit / princess / police / protection / newspapers / relations / the press / Netflix / documentary / bad blood / worried / sad

True / False

- 1) The article says Prince Harry can never stay at Buckingham Palace again. T / F
- 2) Harry missed a deadline to tell Buckingham Palace his plans. T / F
- 3) Harry never planned to bring his children with him to the UK. T / F
- 4) Harry was unhappy that the UK would not pay to protect him. T / F
- 5) Harry has had bad relations with his family since 2020. T / F
- 6) Harry moved his family to California because of the press. T / F
- 7) A book Harry wrote about his life made the royal family unhappy. T / F
- 8) Harry is still good friends with his brother Prince William. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. allowed | a. tension |
| 2. royal family | b. safe keeping |
| 3. deadline | c. quit |
| 4. protection | d. time limit |
| 5. alone | e. family ties |
| 6. relationship | f. the newspapers |
| 7. stepped down | g. permitted |
| 8. the press | h. unhappy |
| 9. bad blood | i. monarchy |
| 10. sad | j. by oneself |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) What do you know about Buckingham Palace?
- c) How interested are you in gossip about royal families?
- d) How are your family relations?
- e) Should Harry not talk about his family in documentaries?
- f) Has there ever been bad blood between you and someone else?
- g) Should all royal palaces become museums?
- h) What questions would you like to ask Prince Harry?

Phrase Match

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| 1. Harry has been told he will | a. since early 2020 |
| 2. a member of the | b. his mind |
| 3. the British government would not pay | c. of plan was too late |
| 4. He then changed | d. blood |
| 5. The palace said his change | e. British royal family |
| 6. Newspapers in the U.K. are now full | f. with his brother |
| 7. Relations have not been good | g. of stories |
| 8. Harry stepped | h. not be allowed to stay |
| 9. It led to more bad | i. down as a working royal |
| 10. This worsened relations | j. for police protection |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you know about Prince Harry?
- Would you like to stay at Buckingham Palace?
- What do you think of royal families?
- Do you always meet deadlines?
- Should the U.K. pay for Harry's protection?
- What do you think living in a palace would be like?
- What would you do if you were a prince/princess?
- What advice do you have for Prince Harry?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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6. e	7. c	8. f	9. a	10. h

Comprehension Questions

Listen to / read the news article. Answer these questions. (Answers are on p. 27 of the 27-page PDF.)

1.	When is Prince Harry staying in the UK?
2.	What did Harry miss?
3.	Who was he going to go to England with?
4.	What did Harry say would the UK not pay for?
5.	What did Buckingham Palace say was too late?
6.	What is full of stories about Harry?
7.	When did Harry move to California?
8.	What is the name of Harry's memoir?
9.	Who did Harry have worsened relations with because of the memoir?
10.	Who does King Charles want to see?

Speaking – Being a Royal

Rank these with your partner. Put the best things about being a royal at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • Living in a palace | • Travelling |
| • Having many servants | • Giving speeches |
| • Meeting famous people | • Riding horses |
| • Wearing beautiful clothes | • A big garden |

Answers – True False

1	F	2	T	3	F	4	T	5	T	6	T	7	T	8	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.