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THE READING

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New Zealand's leader John Key is in trouble because he pulled a waitress' hair in a café. He apologised after Amanda Bailey posted this online. He pulled her hair many times in the café. She said it started last year during an election campaign. She told him to stop many times, but he didn't listen. She could take him to court for "hostile touching". A legal expert said Mr Key was "an older white male with a lot of power," and Ms Bailey was powerless.

Mr Key apologised and said he was just joking with the waitress. People think the apology is not enough. A women's rights campaigner said Mr Key had broken the law and what he did was illegal. New Zealand's deputy leader said it was unacceptable behaviour. She said Mr Key should know where people's personal boundaries lie. An equal rights group said: "It's never OK to touch someone without their permission."

Sources: http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11436981
<http://edition.cnn.com/2015/04/22/asia/john-key-new-zealand-hair-pulling/index.html>

VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. New Zealand's leader John Key is | a. expert |
| 2. he pulled a waitress' | b. white male |
| 3. during an election | c. him to court |
| 4. She could take | d. in trouble |
| 5. A legal | e. power |
| 6. an older | f. hair |
| 7. a lot of | g. was powerless |
| 8. Ms Bailey | h. campaign |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 1. he was just | a. campaigner |
| 2. People think the apology | b. illegal |
| 3. A women's rights | c. permission |
| 4. broken the | d. is not enough |
| 5. what he did was | e. law |
| 6. unacceptable | f. joking |
| 7. It's never | g. behaviour |
| 8. without their | h. OK |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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New Zealand's leader John Key (1) _____ because he pulled a waitress' hair in a café. He apologised after Amanda Bailey (2) _____. He pulled her hair many times in the café. She said it started (3) _____ an election campaign. She told him to stop many times, but he didn't listen. She (4) _____ court for "hostile touching". A legal expert said Mr Key was "(5) _____ male with a lot of power," and Ms Bailey (6) _____.

Mr Key apologised (7) _____ just joking with the waitress. People think (8) _____ enough. A women's rights campaigner said Mr Key (9) _____ law and what he did was illegal. New Zealand's deputy leader said (10) _____ behaviour. She said Mr Key (11) _____ people's personal boundaries lie. An equal rights group said: "It's never OK to touch someone (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)
