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## **Level 3 – 11th December, 2019**

### **Finnish woman, 34, to be world's youngest prime minister**

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191211-prime-minister.html>

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191211-prime-minister.html>

A 34-year-old woman is to become the youngest prime minister in the world. The new leader is Sanna Marin. She only celebrated her 34th birthday last week. She became the head of the Finnish Social Democrats Party last week. Members of her party voted for her in an election on Sunday. She received 32 of the 61 votes to become chairperson of her party. Ms Marin was the minister of transport and communications in Finland. She will take over as Finland's prime minister after her former boss announced that he would be stepping down. The ex-prime minister, 57-year-old Antti Rinne, announced last week that he was quitting. Marin will be the youngest prime minister in Finland's history.

Sanna Marin said she is very excited at the prospect of leading her country. She said: "There's a lot of work to be done. First, we'll have to call a meeting between the ruling parties and review the government program. We have a joint government program which glues the coalition together." She added that one of her first jobs is to increase the popularity of her party with the Finnish people, saying: "We have a lot of work ahead to rebuild trust." Marin will lead a coalition government. All of the other four leaders in the coalition are also women. Marin is new kind of leader. She shares photos of her private, social and political life on her Instagram page.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. PRIME MINISTERS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about prime ministers. 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?

a 34-year-old / prime minister / leader / party / voted / chairperson / boss / quit / excited / prospect / meeting / program / popularity / trust / coalition / private / social

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

**3. AGE LIMIT:** Students A **strongly** believe there should be an age limit which a prime minister cannot be younger than; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. YOUNG:** Is it good for these people to be young? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good	Bad
A national leader		
A police officer		
A teacher		
A company CEO		
A grandparent		
A chess player		

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

**6. NATIONAL LEADER:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best important thing for a national leader to have at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- charisma
- experience
- ideas
- education
- good looks
- intelligence
- patience
- a strong will

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |               |  |
|---------------|--|
| 1. celebrated | a. Chose one person over another (others) to be leader.  |
| 2. head       | b. Did something for a special or happy day.   |
| 3. voted      | c. An event where people choose who they want to be leader of their country, city, school, group, etc. |
| 4. election   | d. Having been in a role or position before.   |
| 5. former     | e. Leader.   |
| 6. announced  | f. Leaving a job or company.   |
| 7. quitting   | g. Made a public statement about a fact, happening, or plan.   |

## Paragraph 2

- |                |  |
|----------------|--|
| 8. prospect    | h. Being in power and control now.   |
| 9. ruling      | i. Sticks together.  |
| 10. review     | j. The possibility of doing something in the future.                                     |
| 11. joint      | k. A careful look at something with the possibility or plan of changing it if necessary. |
| 12. glues      | l. Being liked, admired, or supported by many people.                                    |
| 13. popularity | m. Shared, held, or made by two or more people, parties, or organizations together.      |
| 14. coalition  | n. A group of different political parties that join to make a government.                |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191211-prime-minister.html>

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

- a. The new Finnish leader will celebrate her 35th birthday next week. **T / F**
- b. The leader got over 75% of the vote in an election to be chairperson. **T / F**
- c. Ms Marin was minister for education. **T / F**
- d. Ms Marin is the youngest leader in Finland's history. **T / F**
- e. Ms Marin said she is worried about becoming leader. **T / F**
- f. The first thing Ms Marin will do is to call a meeting. **T / F**
- g. Ms Marin said she needs to restore her party's trust with the people. **T / F**
- h. Ms Marin is a very private person and does not use social media. **T / F**

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

- |                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| 1. <b>leader</b>    | a. ex-           |
| 2. <b>voted for</b> | b. possibilities |
| 3. <b>received</b>  | c. personal      |
| 4. <b>former</b>    | d. elected       |
| 5. <b>quitting</b>  | e. in the future |
| 6. <b>prospect</b>  | f. resigning     |
| 7. <b>review</b>    | g. union         |
| 8. <b>ahead</b>     | h. head          |
| 9. <b>coalition</b> | i. study         |
| 10. <b>private</b>  | j. got           |

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

- |                                    |                       |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. celebrated her                  | a. boss               |
| 2. She received 32 of the 61       | b. the ruling parties |
| 3. her former                      | c. at the prospect    |
| 4. stepping                        | d. 34th birthday      |
| 5. announced last week that he     | e. trust              |
| 6. she is very excited             | f. down               |
| 7. There's a lot of work           | g. votes              |
| 8. call a meeting between          | h. together           |
| 9. glues the coalition             | i. was quitting       |
| 10. a lot of work ahead to rebuild | j. to be done         |

# GAP FILL

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*quitting*  
*election*  
*youngest*  
*history*  
*former*  
*stepping*  
*head*  
*minister*

Sanna Marin said she is very excited at the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of leading her country. She said: "There's a lot of work to be done. First, we'll have to call a meeting between the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ parties and review the government program. We have a joint government program which (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the coalition together." She added that one of her first jobs is to increase the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ of her party with the Finnish people, saying: "We have a lot of work ahead to rebuild (13) \_\_\_\_\_." Marin will lead a coalition government. All of the (14) \_\_\_\_\_ four leaders in the (15) \_\_\_\_\_ are also women. Marin is new kind of leader. She shares photos of her private, social and (16) \_\_\_\_\_ life on her Instagram page.

*trust*  
*ruling*  
*other*  
*prospect*  
*political*  
*popularity*  
*coalition*  
*glues*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191211-prime-minister.html>

- 1) She only celebrated her 34th birthday \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. lastly week
  - b. last week
  - c. lasting week
  - d. lasts week
- 2) Members of her party voted for her \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. inner electoral
  - b. in an election
  - c. in and election
  - d. in an electoral
- 3) after her former boss announced that he would \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. be step ping down
  - b. be step in down
  - c. be steppe in down
  - d. be stepping down
- 4) ex-prime minister, 57-year-old Antti Rinne, announced last week that \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. he was quitting
  - b. he was quilting
  - c. he was quieting
  - d. he was quickening
- 5) Marin will be the youngest prime minister \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. in Finland's history
  - b. in Finland's historian
  - c. in Finland's histories
  - d. in Finland's historical
- 6) Sanna Marin said she is very excited at the prospect of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. leaving her country
  - b. leasing her country
  - c. leaking her country
  - d. leading her country
- 7) First, we'll have to call a meeting between \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the rule in parties
  - b. the ruing parties
  - c. the ruling parties
  - d. the ruler in parties
- 8) We have a joint government program which \_\_\_\_\_ together
  - a. clues the coalition
  - b. blues the coalition
  - c. flues the coalition
  - d. glues the coalition
- 9) She added that one of her first jobs is to increase the \_\_\_\_\_ party
  - a. popularity off her
  - b. popularity of she
  - c. popularity off their
  - d. popularity of her
- 10) She shares photos of her private, social \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and political live
  - b. and political life
  - c. and politics life
  - d. and politically live

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191211-prime-minister.html>

1. What did Sanna Marin celebrate last week?
2. How many votes did Ms Marin get in an election?
3. When was the election?
4. What was Ms Marin minister of?
5. Who is stepping down?
6. How does Ms Marin feel about leading her country?
7. What will Ms Marin review?
8. What did Ms Marin say a joint government program glues together?
9. How many other leaders are there in the coalition in Finland?
10. Where does Ms Marin share photos of her life?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191211-prime-minister.html>

- 1) What did Sanna Marin celebrate last week?
  - a) passing her driving test
  - b) the start of her party
  - c) her wedding
  - d) her 34th birthday
- 2) How many votes did Ms Marin get in an election?
  - a) 61
  - b) 32
  - c) 13
  - d) 16
- 3) When was the election?
  - a) yesterday
  - b) in November
  - c) in 2018
  - d) last Sunday
- 4) What was Ms Marin minister of?
  - a) crime and police
  - b) education
  - c) transport and communications
  - d) information technology
- 5) Who is stepping down?
  - a) a company CEO
  - b) a trade minister
  - c) a whole government
  - d) the ex-prime minister
- 6) How does Ms Marin feel about leading her country?
  - a) positive
  - b) worried
  - c) excited
  - d) scared
- 7) What will Ms Marin review?
  - a) the government program
  - b) her resume
  - c) the future
  - d) politician salaries
- 8) What did Ms Marin say a joint government program glues together?
  - a) paper
  - b) people
  - c) the coalition
  - d) ideas
- 9) How many other leaders are there in the coalition in Finland?
  - a) 3
  - b) 4
  - c) 5
  - d) 6
- 10) Where does Ms Marin share photos of her life?
  - a) on Instagram
  - b) on Facebook
  - c) on Twitter
  - d) on her own website

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191211-prime-minister.html>

## **Role A – Youth**

You think youth is the most important things for a leader to have. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as necessary. Also, tell the others which is the least necessary of these (and why): charisma, intelligence or ideas.

## **Role B – Charisma**

You think charisma is the most important things for a leader to have. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as necessary. Also, tell the others which is the least necessary of these (and why): youth, intelligence or ideas.

## **Role C – Intelligence**

You think intelligence is the most important things for a leader to have. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as necessary. Also, tell the others which is the least necessary of these (and why): charisma, youth or ideas.

## **Role D – Ideas**

You think having ideas is the most important things for a leader to have. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as necessary. Also, tell the others which is the least necessary of these (and why): charisma, intelligence or youth.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191211-prime-minister.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'prime' and 'minister'.

<b>prime</b>	<b>minister</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>• new</li><li>• birthday</li><li>• last</li><li>• 61</li><li>• take</li><li>• history</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• excited</li><li>• call</li><li>• glues</li><li>• ahead</li><li>• four</li><li>• page</li></ul>
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# PRIME MINISTERS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191211-prime-minister.html>

Write five GOOD questions about prime ministers 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.

# PRIME MINISTERS 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 'prime'?
3. What do you think of a 34-year-old national leader?
4. What do you think of the leader of your country?
5. What is the best age for a country's leader?
6. What is the difference between a prime minister and a president?
7. Do you like voting in elections?
8. What kind of person should a prime minister be?
9. What did / will you do on your 34th birthday?
10. What advice do you have for Sanna Marin?

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# PRIME MINISTERS 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 'minister'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What are you excited at the prospect of?
15. Who is the world's best leader?
16. Who is the world's worst leader?
17. What would you do if you were leader of your country?
18. What world leader would you most like to meet?
19. Should a world leader share photos of their private life on Instagram?
20. What questions would you like to ask Sanna Marin?

## **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/1912/191211-prime-minister.html>

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

- |     |                |               |                 |              |
|-----|----------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) in         | (b) at        | (c) on          | (d) to       |
| 2.  | (a) party      | (b) true      | (c) only        | (d) was      |
| 3.  | (a) foot       | (b) face      | (c) head        | (d) back     |
| 4.  | (a) was        | (b) voted     | (c) found       | (d) received |
| 5.  | (a) under      | (b) on        | (c) over        | (d) in       |
| 6.  | (a) quit       | (b) quitting  | (c) quits       | (d) quitter  |
| 7.  | (a) excitement | (b) excited   | (c) excite      | (d) excites  |
| 8.  | (a) call       | (b) shout     | (c) talk        | (d) speak    |
| 9.  | (a) blues      | (b) glues     | (c) flues       | (d) clues    |
| 10. | (a) facts      | (b) truth     | (c) trust       | (d) party    |
| 11. | (a) others     | (b) another   | (c) other       | (d) otter    |
| 12. | (a) politic    | (b) political | (c) politically | (d) politely |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191211-prime-minister.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. The new rdelae
2. celrtdabee her 34th birthday
3. voted for her in an ineotecl
4. minister of transport and mnmcuaostoiicn
5. her mrrefo boss
6. ocduanne last week

## Paragraph 2

7. she is very excited at the porpesct
8. a meeting between the rginul parties
9. increase the uoppptyial of her party
10. a lot of work ahead to rebuild tsurt
11. Marin will lead a naoticoli government
12. social and opiitlcal life

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191211-prime-minister.html>

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

- ( ) four leaders in the coalition are also women. Marin is new kind of leader. She shares
- ( ) election on Sunday. She received 32 of the 61 votes to become chairperson of her party. Ms Marin was the minister of transport
- ( ) boss announced that he would be stepping down. The ex-prime minister, 57-year-old Antti Rinne, announced
- ( ) last week that he was quitting. Marin will be the youngest prime minister in Finland's history.
- ( **1** ) A 34-year-old woman is to become the youngest prime minister in the world. The new
- ( ) leader is Sanna Marin. She only celebrated her 34th birthday last week. She became the head
- ( ) government program. We have a joint government program which glues the coalition
- ( ) of the Finnish Social Democrats Party last week. Members of her party voted for her in an
- ( ) people, saying: "We have a lot of work ahead to rebuild trust." Marin will lead a coalition government. All of the other
- ( ) together." She added that one of her first jobs is to increase the popularity of her party with the Finnish
- ( ) Sanna Marin said she is very excited at the prospect of leading her country. She said: "There's a lot
- ( ) and communications in Finland. She will take over as Finland's prime minister after her former
- ( ) photos of her private, social and political life on her Instagram page.
- ( ) of work to be done. First, we'll have to call a meeting between the ruling parties and review the

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191211-prime-minister.html>

1. prime the Become the youngest in minister world .
2. only week . her 34th She last celebrated birthday
3. election . in her party Her voted an for
4. received 32 votes . of the 61 She
5. announced boss down . would step Her we that
6. at Excited prospect of the leading her country .
7. to done . of lot There's work a be
8. the parties . meeting ruling Call between a
9. of the popularity Increase party the people . her with
10. the of coalition . in the All leaders other

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191211-prime-minister.html>

A 34-year-old woman is to *becoming* / *become* the youngest prime minister in the world. The new leader is Sanna Marin. She only *celebrated* / *celebrates* her 34th birthday last week. She became the *head* / *heard* of the Finnish Social Democrats Party last week. Members of her party *vetoed* / *voted* for her in an election *on* / *at* Sunday. She received 32 of the 61 votes to become chairperson of her party. Ms Marin *be* / *was* the minister of transport and communications in Finland. She will take *over* / *under* as Finland's prime minister after her former *boss* / *bossy* announced that he would be stepping down. The *ox-prime* / *ex-prime* minister, 57-year-old Antti Rinne, announced last week that he was quitting. Marin will be the youngest prime minister *in* / *on* Finland's history.

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

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

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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. PRIME MINISTERS:** Make a poster about prime ministers. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. AGE LIMIT:** Write a magazine article about an age limit being put on prime ministers. 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 prime ministers. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on what makes a good prime minister. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F    b F    c F    d T    e F    f T    g T    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Her 34th birthday
- 32
- Last Sunday
- Transport and communications
- The ex-prime minister
- Excited
- The government program
- The coalition
- Four
- On Instagram

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- Become the youngest prime minister in the world.
- She only celebrated her 34th birthday last week.
- Her party voted for her in an election.
- She received 32 of the 61 votes.
- Her boss announced that he would step down.
- Excited at the prospect of leading her country.
- There's a lot of work to be done.
- Call a meeting between the ruling parties.
- Increase the popularity of her party with the people.
- All of the other leaders in the coalition.

## 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 ;-)