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Level 5 – 25th April, 2022

Hundreds of unpunished crimes at UK royal palaces

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2204/220425-royal-palaces-5.html>

People think the security measures at London's royal palaces are incredibly tight. However, new statistics have revealed that in the past three years, hundreds of crimes have taken place at royal households. Most of these have gone unpunished. London's police force said 470 offences were recorded at Buckingham Palace and other palaces between 2019 and 2021. The crimes included arson, theft, drugs possession, robbery, and violence against people. In less than one per cent of the crimes, someone was cautioned, fined or charged.

A former head of the UK's royal protection service said the number of crimes was "frightening". He said: "If you can steal or cause incidents...near the royals, what does that say about the current security? If these offences have an impact on the personal safety of the royals, that would give me great concern." London's police said while it was responsible for security in and around royal palaces, it would not comment on such matters. It said most offences committed near the palaces were thefts. It added it would always "pursue all viable and proportionate lines of enquiry".

Sources: <https://www.standard.co.uk/news/london/crimes-buckingham-palace-kensington-palace-st-james-palace-clarence-house-b995751.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. security | a. tight |
| 2. incredibly | b. of the crimes |
| 3. new statistics have revealed | c. have taken place |
| 4. hundreds of crimes | d. fined or charged |
| 5. drugs | e. against people |
| 6. violence | f. measures |
| 7. In less than one per cent | g. that |
| 8. someone was cautioned, | h. possession |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. A former head of the UK's royal | a. concern |
| 2. the number of crimes | b. an impact |
| 3. If you can steal or cause | c. of enquiry |
| 4. these offences have | d. was frightening |
| 5. that would give me great | e. on such matters |
| 6. it was responsible | f. incidents |
| 7. it would not comment | g. for security |
| 8. lines | h. protection service |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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People think (1) _____ at London's royal palaces are incredibly tight. However, (2) _____ revealed that in the past three years, hundreds of crimes have taken place at royal households. Most of these (3) _____. London's police force said 470 offences were recorded at Buckingham Palace (4) _____ between 2019 and 2021. The crimes included (5) _____ possession, robbery, and violence against people. In less than one per cent of the crimes, someone (6) _____ or charged.

A (7) _____ the UK's royal protection service said the number of crimes was "frightening". He said: "If you can steal (8) _____...near the royals, what does that say about the current security? If these offences (9) _____ on the personal safety of the royals, that would give (10) _____." London's police said while it was responsible for security in and around royal palaces, it would not comment (11) _____. It said most offences committed near the palaces were thefts. It added it would always "pursue all viable and proportionate (12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ROYAL PALACES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2204/220425-royal-palaces-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about royal palaces 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) _____

