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## **Hundreds of unpunished crimes at UK royal palaces**

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# THE ARTICLE

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

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<https://news.sky.com/story/revealed-hundreds-of-crimes-recorded-at-royal-palaces-including-drugs-weapons-and-violence-offences-12593802>  
<https://www.joe.co.uk/news/hundreds-of-crimes-reported-at-royal-palaces-with-hundreds-going-completely-unpunished-331270>

# WARM-UPS

**1. ROYAL PALACES:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about royal palaces. 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?

security measures / royal palaces / London / crimes / majority / theft / robbery / fire protection / frightening / personal safety / royals / responsibility / offences / enquiry

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

**3. POLICE:** Students A **strongly** believe royals should comment more on crime cases; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. SECURITY:** What difficulties are there in keeping these places safe? What would security measures would you take? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Difficulties	Security Measures
Royal palaces		
Schools		
Airports		
Shopping malls		
Voting centres		
Army bases		

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

**6. CRIMES:** Rank these with your partner. Put the worst crimes at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Arson
- Theft
- Speeding
- Drugs
- Vandalism
- Shoplifting
- Corruption
- Robbery

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 1. measure     | a. Breaches of a law or rule; an illegal act.   |
| 2. astonishing | b. A plan or course of action taken to achieve a particular purpose.                    |
| 3. reveal      | c. Makes something known to other people.   |
| 4. offences    | d. A person legally entitled to the property or rank of another on that person's death. |
| 5. abode       | e. The action of stealing from a person or place.                                       |
| 6. heir        | f. Extremely surprising or impressive; amazing.   |
| 7. robbery     | g. A place of residence; a house or home.   |

## Paragraph 2

- |                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| 8. incidents      | h. The action or crime of stealing.                        |
| 9. impact         | i. Corresponding in size or amount to something else.      |
| 10. vicinity      | j. Capable of working successfully; feasible.              |
| 11. theft         | k. The area near or surrounding a particular place.        |
| 12. endeavour     | l. Try hard to do or achieve something.                    |
| 13. viable        | m. Examples of something happening; events or occurrences. |
| 14. proportionate | n. A big effect or influence on someone or something.      |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

1. The article says people expect the highest security is at all UK palaces. **T / F**
2. There have been hundreds of crimes at UK palaces in the past decade. **T / F**
3. There were no crimes at London's Buckingham Palace. **T / F**
4. Fewer than 1% of the crimes resulted in cautions, fines or charges. **T / F**
5. A former head of royal protection was frightened by being in palaces. **T / F**
6. The former head questioned the current security of royal palaces. **T / F**
7. London's police said it did not comment on issues of royal security. **T / F**
8. The police said most of the crimes near the palaces were thefts. **T / F**

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

- |                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. <b>expect</b>      | a. effect       |
| 2. <b>astonishing</b> | b. presume      |
| 3. <b>majority</b>    | c. burglary     |
| 4. <b>robbery</b>     | d. workable     |
| 5. <b>cautioned</b>   | e. ex-          |
| 6. <b>former</b>      | f. issues       |
| 7. <b>steal</b>       | g. warned       |
| 8. <b>impact</b>      | h. thief        |
| 9. <b>matters</b>     | i. greater part |
| 10. <b>viable</b>     | j. amazing      |

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

- |                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. the highest of security    | a. is home to Charles     |
| 2. an "astonishing" statistic | b. of the palaces         |
| 3. The latter abode           | c. or charged             |
| 4. The crimes included        | d. enquiry                |
| 5. being cautioned, fined     | e. concern                |
| 6. have an impact             | f. measures               |
| 7. that would give me great   | g. arson                  |
| 8. comment on matters         | h. on the personal safety |
| 9. within the vicinity        | i. recently released      |
| 10. lines of                  | j. relating to security   |

# GAP FILL

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

People would expect the (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of security measures at London's royal palaces. However, an "astonishing" (2) \_\_\_\_\_ recently released revealed that in the past three years, hundreds of crimes have taken place in or near royal households, with the majority (3) \_\_\_\_\_ unpunished. London's Metropolitan Police reported that 470 offences were (4) \_\_\_\_\_ at Buckingham Palace, Kensington Palace, St James' Palace and Clarence House between 2019 and 2021. The latter (5) \_\_\_\_\_ is home to Charles, Prince of Wales, who is heir to the British throne. The crimes included (6) \_\_\_\_\_, theft, drugs possession, robbery, and violence against a (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Less than one per cent of the crimes led to (8) \_\_\_\_\_ being cautioned, fined or charged.

*person*  
*abode*  
*anyone*  
*going*  
*highest*  
*arson*  
*statistic*  
*recorded*

Dai Davies, a former Head of Royal Protection, said the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of crimes reported was "frightening". He told Britain's Sky News: "If you can steal or cause (10) \_\_\_\_\_ at or near the royals, what does that say about the (11) \_\_\_\_\_ security? If these offences have an impact on the personal safety of the royals, that would give me great (12) \_\_\_\_\_." The Metropolitan Police replied: "The Met has responsibility for security in and around the royal palaces, but we will not comment on (13) \_\_\_\_\_ relating to security." It added: "The majority of offences committed at or within the (14) \_\_\_\_\_ of the palaces were thefts. Officers will always endeavour to (15) \_\_\_\_\_ all viable and proportionate (16) \_\_\_\_\_ of enquiry."

*concern*  
*pursue*  
*incidents*  
*matters*  
*number*  
*lines*  
*current*  
*vicinity*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) an "astonishing" statistic recently released revealed that in the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. past three years
  - b. parsed three years
  - c. pasted three years
  - d. passed three years
- 2) crimes have taken place in or near royal households, with the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. majority goon unpunished
  - b. majority gone unpunished
  - c. majority going unpunished
  - d. majority go in unpunished
- 3) The latter abode is home to Charles, Prince of Wales, who is \_\_\_\_\_ British throne
  - a. hair to the
  - b. heir to the
  - c. hare to the
  - d. here to the
- 4) crimes included arson, theft, drugs possession, robbery, and violence \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. against ape person
  - b. against at person
  - c. against the person
  - d. against a person
- 5) Less than one per cent of the crimes led to anyone being cautioned, \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. fined or changed
  - b. fined or charged
  - c. fined or charted
  - d. fined or charmed
- 6) a former Head of Royal Protection, said the number of crimes \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. reported was "frightened"
  - b. reported was "frying"
  - c. reported was "fright thinning"
  - d. reported was "frightening"
- 7) or cause incidents at or near the royals, what does that say about \_\_\_\_\_?
  - a. the currant security
  - b. the currents security
  - c. the current security
  - d. the currency security
- 8) in and around the royal palaces, but we will not comment on matters \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. relating to security
  - b. relay tin to security
  - c. relate tin to security
  - d. relate in to security
- 9) The majority of offences committed at or within the vicinity of the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. palaces were deft
  - b. palaces were thefts
  - c. palaces were deftness
  - d. palaces were thieves
- 10) endeavour to pursue all viable and proportionate \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. lines of enquiry
  - b. lines of equity
  - c. aligns of enquiry
  - d. lives of equity

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

People would expect the (1) \_\_\_\_\_ measures at London's royal palaces. However, an "astonishing" statistic recently released revealed that in the past three years, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ have taken place in or near royal households, with the majority going unpunished. London's Metropolitan Police reported that 470 offences (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Buckingham Palace, Kensington Palace, St James' Palace and Clarence House between 2019 and 2021. The (4) \_\_\_\_\_ home to Charles, Prince of Wales, who is heir to the British throne. The crimes (5) \_\_\_\_\_, drugs possession, robbery, and violence against a person. Less than one per cent of the crimes led to anyone (6) \_\_\_\_\_ or charged.

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What does the article say people expect to exist at London's royal palaces?
2. Within what time period did the crimes take place?
3. Who said 470 crimes were committed?
4. Where does the heir to the British throne live?
5. What percentage of crimes led to cautions, fines or charges?
6. What was the former job of Dai Davies?
7. Who did Dai Davies express his concerns to?
8. What matters did London's police force say it would not comment on?
9. What crime was committed most?
10. What did London's police force say it would always pursue?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What does the article say people expect to exist at London's royal palaces?
  - a) crowds of tourists
  - b) soldiers in red uniforms
  - c) Beefeaters
  - d) the highest security measures
- 2) Within what time period did the crimes take place?
  - a) this century
  - b) three years
  - c) a decade
  - d) six months
- 3) Who said 470 crimes were committed?
  - a) Boris Johnson
  - b) Queen Elizabeth II
  - c) Sky News
  - d) the Metropolitan Police
- 4) Where does the heir to the British throne live?
  - a) Kensington Palace
  - b) Buckingham Palace
  - c) Clarence House
  - d) St James' Palace
- 5) What percentage of crimes led to cautions, fines or charges?
  - a) 72%
  - b) 12%
  - c) about 5%
  - d) less than 1%
- 6) What was the former job of Dai Davies?
  - a) Head of the Metropolitan Police
  - b) Head of Buckingham Palace
  - c) Head of Royal Protection
  - d) Head of Sky News
- 7) Who did Dai Davies express his concerns to?
  - a) Sky News
  - b) the Metropolitan Police
  - c) Queen Elizabeth II
  - d) Boris Johnson
- 8) What matters did London's police force say it would not comment on?
  - a) dark matter
  - b) secret matters
  - c) security matters
  - d) trivial matters
- 9) What crime was committed most?
  - a) drugs
  - b) theft
  - c) robbery
  - d) speeding
- 10) What did London's police force say it would always pursue?
  - a) lines of enquiry
  - b) criminals
  - c) truth and justice
  - d) Boris Johnson

# ROLE PLAY

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

## **Role A – Arson**

You think arson is the worst crime. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their crimes aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which of these requires the most lenient punishment (and why): theft, shoplifting or corruption.

## **Role B – Theft**

You think theft is the worst crime. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their crimes aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which of these requires the most lenient punishment (and why): arson, shoplifting or corruption.

## **Role C – Shoplifting**

You think shoplifting is the worst crime. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their crimes aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which of these requires the most lenient punishment (and why): theft, arson or corruption.

## **Role D – Corruption**

You think corruption is the worst crime. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their crimes aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which of these requires the most lenient punishment (and why): theft, shoplifting or arson.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

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

<b>royal</b>	<b>palace</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>• measures</li><li>• hundreds</li><li>• 470</li><li>• latter</li><li>• arson</li><li>• less</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• former</li><li>• current</li><li>• personal</li><li>• great</li><li>• added</li><li>• lines</li></ul>
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# ROYAL PALACES SURVEY

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

# ROYAL PALACES 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 'royal'?
3. What do you think of royalty?
4. Who should pay for royal palaces?
5. Who should pay for the security of royals?
6. What do you know about Buckingham Palace?
7. What do you know about the world's royal families?
8. Why do you think crimes are going unpunished?
9. What do you know about Britain's Prince Charles?
10. What is the police force like in your country?

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# ROYAL PALACES 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 'palace'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Do we need royal families?
15. How safe do you feel in your country?
16. How effective are the police in your country?
17. How safe do you think royals feel in public?
18. Would you like to be a royal?
19. Would you like to live in a royal palace?
20. What questions would you like to ask London's police force?

## 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/2204/220425-royal-palaces.html>

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

- |     |              |              |               |              |
|-----|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) to       | (b) of       | (c) for       | (d) on       |
| 2.  | (a) recent   | (b) recently | (c) recant    | (d) recanted |
| 3.  | (a) goes     | (b) gone     | (c) go        | (d) going    |
| 4.  | (a) produced | (b) recorded | (c) sampled   | (d) mixed    |
| 5.  | (a) bide     | (b) abode    | (c) abide     | (d) bode     |
| 6.  | (a) cantered | (b) crated   | (c) cautioned | (d) carted   |
| 7.  | (a) firmer   | (b) framer   | (c) former    | (d) famer    |
| 8.  | (a) address  | (b) orate    | (c) say       | (d) voice    |
| 9.  | (a) of       | (b) to       | (c) at        | (d) on       |
| 10. | (a) matters  | (b) issue    | (c) topic     | (d) concern  |
| 11. | (a) vicinity | (b) trinity  | (c) innit     | (d) divinity |
| 12. | (a) rules    | (b) edges    | (c) lines     | (d) rims     |



# SPELLING

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

## Paragraph 1

1. the highest of security arsmseu
2. with the oamtyrij going unpunished
3. The latter bdaeo is home to Charles
4. heir to the British ohtenr
5. arson, fhett, drugs possession...
6. robbery, and volecien against a person

## Paragraph 2

7. stdnecini at or near the royals
8. The eaolponMirtt Police
9. The majority of fsofcnee committed
10. within the iicniyvt of the palaces
11. lvabie and proportionate
12. lines of enqiyru

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

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

- ( ) safety of the royals, that would give me great concern." The Metropolitan Police replied: "The Met has responsibility
- ( ) to the British throne. The crimes included arson, theft, drugs possession, robbery, and violence
- ( ) place in or near royal households, with the majority going unpunished. London's Metropolitan Police reported that 470
- ( ) thefts. Officers will always endeavour to pursue all viable and proportionate lines of enquiry."
- ( ) Britain's Sky News: "If you can steal or cause incidents at or near the royals, what does that say
- ( ) offences were recorded at Buckingham Palace, Kensington Palace, St James' Palace and Clarence House
- ( ) against a person. Less than one per cent of the crimes led to anyone being cautioned, fined or charged.
- ( ) Dai Davies, a former Head of Royal Protection, said the number of crimes reported was "frightening". He told
- ( ) between 2019 and 2021. The latter abode is home to Charles, Prince of Wales, who is heir
- ( **1** ) People would expect the highest of security measures at London's royal palaces. However, an "astonishing" statistic
- ( ) recently released revealed that in the past three years, hundreds of crimes have taken
- ( ) for security in and around the royal palaces, but we will not comment on matters relating
- ( ) to security." It added: "The majority of offences committed at or within the vicinity of the palaces were
- ( ) about the current security? If these offences have an impact on the personal

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. security would expect highest measures . of the People
2. statistic An revealed astonishing that . recently released
3. Crimes royal near place households . taken have
4. throne . is to who the Charles, heir British
5. of the one crimes . per than cent Less
6. number crimes of was reported The frightening .
7. impact personal safety of An the on royals .
8. won't relating We on comment security . to matters
9. or vicinity at palaces . within of Committed the
10. proportionate of enquiry . viable lines all and Pursue

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

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Dai Davies, a *firmer / former* Head of Royal Protection, said the number of crimes reported was "frightening". He told Britain's Sky News: "If you can *steal / steel* or cause incidents at or *nearly / near* the royals, what does that say about the *current / currant* security? If these offences have an impact *in / on* the personal safety of the royals, that would give me great concern." The Metropolitan Police replied: "The Met has responsibility *on / for* security in and around the royal palaces, but we will not *commentary / comment* on matters relating to *security / secure*." It added: "The majority of offences committed at or *within / without* the vicinity of the palaces were thefts. Officers will always endeavour to pursue all *valuable / viable* and proportionate lines of enquiry."

**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. ROYAL PALACES:** Make a poster about royal palaces. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. POLICING:** Write a magazine article about royal palaces getting more policing. 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 royal palaces. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on royal palaces. 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. f    3. c    4. a    5. g    6. d    7. e  
8. m    9. n    10. k    11. h    12. l    13. j    14. i

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F    2 F    3 F    4 T    5 F    6 T    7 T    8 T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- The highest security measures
- Three years (2019-2021)
- The Metropolitan Police
- Clarence House
- Less than one per cent
- Head of Royal Protection
- Sky News
- Security matters
- Theft
- Lines of enquiry

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- People would expect the highest of security measures.
- An astonishing statistic recently released revealed that.
- Crimes have taken place near royal households.
- Charles, who is heir to the British throne.
- Less than one per cent of the crimes.
- The number of crimes reported was frightening.
- An impact on the personal safety of royals.
- We won't comment on matters relating to security.
- Committed at or within the vicinity of palaces.
- Pursue all viable and proportionate lines of enquiry.

## 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 ;-)