

Prince Harry's book 'Spare' is a bestseller

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The UK's Prince Harry has written a book about his life. It is also about his thoughts on the death of his mother (Princess Diana), his relationship with the press, and being a royal. The book is called "Spare". The word "spare" means someone or something that only exists in case another person or thing is lost, broken, or worn out. The title "Spare" refers to the fact

that Harry would only become the UK's king if his father and brother died. The book is a bestseller worldwide. It has been published in 16 languages. People waited in line for hours to buy it. In the UK, "Spare" went on sale at midnight on Sunday. One of the UK's leading bookstores, Waterstones, said "Spare" has been one of its "biggest pre-order titles for a decade".

The book is a controversial one. A member of Britain's Royal Family has never spoken so openly before. Harry said the book tells the story about why he moved his young family to the USA, and why he gave up his official royal duties. He said the UK press has continually written bad things about his wife Meghan, and reports on his life with Meghan in a negative way. "Spare" is one way for Harry to let his family know his true feelings. The 410-page memoir contains many personal stories. He writes about how he fell out with the Royal Family. He claims his brother Prince William attacked him because he wanted to marry Meghan. He also wrote about the number of Taliban fighters he killed in Afghanistan when he was a soldier.

Sources: [bbc.com](https://www.bbc.com) / [foxnews.com](https://www.foxnews.com) / [cnn.com](https://www.cnn.com)

Writing

Members of royal families should not talk publicly about their own family. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

Prince Harry / the UK / relationships / the press / spare / bestseller / worldwide / controversial / book / story / royal / duties / negative / feelings / brother / soldier

True / False

- 1) Prince Harry wrote about the death of Princess Diana. T / F
- 2) Harry called his book 'Spare' because he will probably never be king. T / F
- 3) Prince Harry's book has been translated into 15 other languages. T / F
- 4) The book went on sale in the UK at midday. T / F
- 5) Harry is the third British royal to speak so openly. T / F
- 6) Harry said UK newspapers write bad things about him and his wife. T / F
- 7) Harry's book contains 410 personal stories. T / F
- 8) Harry said Prince William wanted to marry Meghan. T / F

Synonym Match

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

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| 1. thoughts | a. responsibilities |
| 2. fact | b. top |
| 3. worldwide | c. views |
| 4. leading | d. honestly |
| 5. decade | e. life story |
| 6. openly | f. globally |
| 7. duties | g. serviceman/woman |
| 8. continually | h. ten years |
| 9. memoir | i. repeatedly |
| 10. soldier | j. reality |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) What do you think of Prince Harry?
- c) What do you know about the British Royal family?
- d) What do you think of royal families?
- e) Should Harry have written so much about his family?
- f) How interesting would your personal memoir be?
- g) Can Harry repair relations with his family?
- h) What questions would you like to ask Prince Harry?

Phrase Match

- his relationship with
- It has been published
- People waited in line for
- "Spare" went on
- One of the UK's leading
- The book is a controversial
- why he gave up his official
- The 410-page
- how he fell
- when he was
- sale at midnight
- memoir
- the press
- soldier
- hours to buy it
- royal duties
- out with the Royal Family
- bookstores
- one
- in 16 languages

Discussion – Student B

- What do you know about Prince Harry?
- What do you know about Harry and Meghan?
- What do you know about Prince Harry's book 'Spare'?
- Would you like to be a member of a royal family?
- How do you think Harry feels being a 'spare'?
- Would you like to read Prince Harry's book?
- What would it be like to be a king or queen?
- What advice do you have for Prince Harry?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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

Role Play

Role A – Palaces

You think palaces are the best things about being a prince. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): cars, food or meeting people.

Role B – Cars

You think cars are the best things about being a prince. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): palaces, food or meeting people.

Role C – Food

You think food is the best thing about being a prince. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): cars, palaces or meeting people.

Role D – Meeting People

You think meeting people is the best thing about being a prince. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): cars, food or palaces.

Speaking – Being a prince

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

- Fame
- Palaces
- Cars
- Food
- Clothes
- Travel
- Holidays
- Meeting people

Answers – True False

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