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NZ PM in ponytail-pulling problem

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THE READING

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New Zealand Prime Minister John Key could be in trouble after he pulled a waitress' hair in a café. He apologised after Amanda Bailey posted online that he pulled her hair many times when he visited the café. Ms Bailey said the hair-pulling started last year during an election campaign. She repeatedly told him to stop and to not do it again, but he didn't listen. She could now take him to court for the crime of "hostile touching". A New Zealand legal expert said: "You have to remember this is an older white male with a lot of power." He said Ms Bailey was in a powerless position.

Mr Key apologised for his actions and said he was just joking with the waitress. People in New Zealand think the apology is not enough. A women's rights campaigner said she believed Mr Key had broken the law. She said: "I'm getting tired of it being called anything but illegal." New Zealand's deputy leader Tracey Martin said it was unacceptable behaviour for a leader. She added Mr Key should understand where people's personal boundaries lie. The Equal Employment Opportunities Commission, 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>

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. John Key could be | a. power |
| 2. he pulled a | b. to court |
| 3. during an election | c. position |
| 4. She repeatedly told | d. campaign |
| 5. She could now take him | e. in trouble |
| 6. an older white | f. him to stop |
| 7. a lot of | g. male |
| 8. Ms Bailey was in a powerless | h. waitress' hair |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Mr Key apologised | a. behaviour |
| 2. he was just | b. campaigner |
| 3. the apology is | c. for his actions |
| 4. A women's rights | d. permission |
| 5. broken the | e. tired |
| 6. I'm getting | f. not enough |
| 7. unacceptable | g. law |
| 8. without their | h. joking |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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New Zealand Prime Minister John Key (1) _____
after he pulled a waitress' hair in a café. (2) _____
Amanda Bailey (3) _____ he pulled her hair many
times when he visited the café. Ms Bailey said the hair-pulling
started last year during (4) _____. She repeatedly
told him to stop and to not do it again, but he didn't listen. She
could now take (5) _____ the crime of "hostile
touching". A New Zealand legal expert said: "You have to remember
this is an older white male with a lot of power." He said Ms Bailey
(6) _____ position.

Mr Key apologised for his actions and said
(7) _____ with the waitress. People in New
Zealand think (8) _____ enough. A women's
rights campaigner said she believed Mr Key had broken the law. She
said: "I'm (9) _____ being called anything but
illegal." New Zealand's deputy leader Tracey Martin
(10) _____ behaviour for a leader. She added Mr
Key should understand where people's
(11) _____. The Equal Employment Opportunities
Commission, 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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Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)
