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Boris Johnson – UK's controversial new foreign secretary

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THE READING

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Britain has surprised the world by naming Boris Johnson as its new Foreign Secretary. Mr Johnson is a controversial figure. He led the campaign for Britain to leave the European Union and is now Britain's top diplomat. However, he has a record of being very undiplomatic. He called Hillary Clinton a "sadistic nurse in a mental hospital and compared Russia's Vladimir Putin to a Harry Potter creature. He also made racist comments about African countries.

A British newspaper said Mrs May, "had managed to unite the international community in bewilderment by her appointment of Boris Johnson". Journalists in Germany wondered whether British politics was really a comedy show. The Washington Post asked how Mr Johnson could become Britain's top diplomat after offending much of the world. Mr Johnson ignored the comments. He said his job was to make Britain a "great global player".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Britain has | a. diplomat |
| 2. Mr Johnson is a controversial | b. a mental hospital |
| 3. the campaign for Britain to leave | c. surprised the world |
| 4. Britain's top | d. comments |
| 5. a record of being very | e. figure |
| 6. a sadistic nurse in | f. creature |
| 7. a Harry Potter | g. undiplomatic |
| 8. He also made racist | h. the European Union |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. unite the international | a. Britain's top diplomat |
| 2. her appointment | b. the comments |
| 3. Journalists in Germany | c. community |
| 4. British politics was really | d. global player |
| 5. how Mr Johnson could become | e. of Boris Johnson |
| 6. offending much | f. a comedy show |
| 7. Mr Johnson ignored | g. of the world |
| 8. make Britain a great | h. wondered |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Britain has (1) _____ by naming Boris Johnson as its new Foreign Secretary. Mr Johnson is a (2) _____. He led the campaign for Britain (3) _____ European Union and is now Britain's top diplomat. However, he has (4) _____ very undiplomatic. He called Hillary Clinton a "(5) _____ a mental hospital and compared Russia's Vladimir Putin to a Harry Potter creature. He also made (6) _____ about African countries.

A British newspaper said Mrs May, "had (7) _____ the international community (8) _____ by her appointment of Boris Johnson". Journalists in Germany (9) _____ British politics was really (10) _____. The Washington Post asked how Mr Johnson could become Britain's (11) _____ offending much of the world. Mr Johnson ignored. He said his job was to make Britain a "(12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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DIPLOMACY SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about diplomacy 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) _____

