

New Pakistan prime minister makes many promises

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The new prime minister of Pakistan, Imran Khan, has made many promises to change his country. Mr Khan gave a speech on television on Sunday just one day after being sworn in as Pakistan's new leader. He spoke about improving his

country's international image. In his speech, Khan vowed to improve relations with Pakistan's neighbours India and Afghanistan. He also said he would work on repairing ties with the United States. Relations between Pakistan and the USA have worsened in the past few years because the USA accused Pakistan of helping terrorists. Khan also promised to create millions of jobs, reform health and education, help the poor, develop opportunities for young people and fight corruption.

Imran Khan, 65, is a hugely popular figure in Pakistan. He is greatly loved for being one of his country's greatest ever cricketers. He made his international debut at the age of 18 and went on to captain Pakistan to the country's only Cricket World Cup victory, in 1992. Khan retired from cricket that same year. In April 1996, he entered politics and founded the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party. This is the Pakistan Movement for Justice. He won a seat in Pakistan's National Assembly in October 2002. In the 2013 elections, his party won the second largest number of votes, making Khan a powerful politician and possible future leader. His party won the largest number of seats in last month's election.

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Writing

It is impossible for a country's leader to keep his/her promises. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

prime minister / promises / change / international image / relations / education / fight popular / debut / captain / victory / politics / justice / elections / powerful / seats

True / False

- The article said Imran Khan made 27 promises to Pakistani people. T / F
- Imran Khan gave a speech online to tell people about his promises. T / F
- Imran Khan wants to improve ties with Afghanistan, India and the USA. T / F
- Mr Khan said he wanted to create over 10 million new jobs. T / F
- Mr Khan first played cricket for Pakistan when he was 18 years old. T / F
- Imran Khan stopped playing cricket in 1992. T / F
- Imran Khan won a local election in 2002 to become an elected politician. T / F
- Khan's party won the second largest number of seats in July's election. T / F

Synonym Match

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

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| 1. promises | a. making better |
| 2. speech | b. biggest |
| 3. improving | c. links |
| 4. ties | d. win |
| 5. opportunities | e. stopped working |
| 6. hugely | f. pledges |
| 7. victory | g. chances |
| 8. retired | h. strong |
| 9. powerful | i. address |
| 10. largest | j. enormously |

Discussion – Student A

- What are the most important issues when people vote?
- What do you know about Imran Khan?
- What problems is Imran Khan facing?
- Would you be a good leader?
- What would you do if you were leader of your country?
- How are your country's relations with its neighbours?
- Do you think Imran Khan will keep his promises?
- What advice do you have for Imran Khan?

Phrase Match

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| 1. made many promises to | a. debut |
| 2. being sworn | b. corruption |
| 3. in the past | c. figure |
| 4. develop opportunities | d. number of seats |
| 5. fight | e. change his country |
| 6. a hugely popular | f. from cricket |
| 7. He made his international | g. for young people |
| 8. Khan retired | h. elections |
| 9. In the 2013 | i. in |
| 10. His party won the largest | j. few years |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- What do you think of your leader?
- How can a leader create millions of jobs?
- Who is the most popular figure in your country?
- What do you think of politics in your country?
- Who is the world's greatest leader in power today?
- Who is the world's greatest ever leader in history?
- What questions would you like to ask Imran Khan?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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6. j	7. d	8. e	9. h	10. b

Role Play

Role A – Taxation

You think taxation is the most important thing to change in your country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which one of these does not need changing: healthcare, policing or international relations.

Role B – Healthcare

You think healthcare is the most important thing to change in your country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which one of these does not need changing: taxation, policing or international relations.

Role C – Policing

You think policing is the most important thing to change in your country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which one of these does not need changing: healthcare, taxation or international relations.

Role D – International Relations

You think international relations is the most important thing to change in your country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which one of these does not need changing: healthcare, policing or taxation.

Speaking – Changes

Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest things to change in your country at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • energy | • taxes |
| • international relations | • health |
| • environment | • army |
| • education | • policing |

Answers – True False

a	F	b	F	c	T	d	F	e	T	f	T	g	T	h	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.