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## **Level 4**

# **Toronto mayor smoked crack cocaine**

**8th November, 2013**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1311/131108-toronto-mayor-4.html>

The under-pressure mayor of Toronto Rob Ford has admitted smoking crack cocaine when he was drunk. For many months, he said he hadn't smoked cocaine. Fighting back the tears, he apologised to Toronto citizens. He said he had let them down. He said he wasn't a drug addict or an alcoholic. Toronto's police had a video of him smoking the drug. The story was on TV since May. Ford had continually said it was untrue.

People want Ford to resign but he said he would stay in office. He will also fight for a second term in office at the next election. He said he would continue doing the job he was elected to do. He added: "I know I have to regain your trust and confidence." At a press conference, he said: "I have nothing left to hide. I would do absolutely anything to change the past, but the past is the past." He made it "crystal clear" he would never do such a thing again.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-24829046>  
<http://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/toronto-mayor-rob-ford-won-t-resign-after-admitting-he-smoked-crack-cocaine-1.1528841>

# MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1311/131108-toronto-mayor-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                    |                      |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. the under-                      | a. let them down     |
| 2. smoking crack cocaine           | b. or an alcoholic   |
| 3. He said he had                  | c. smoking the drug  |
| 4. He said he wasn't a drug addict | d. pressure mayor    |
| 5. police had a video of him       | e. it was untrue     |
| 6. Ford had continually said       | f. when he was drunk |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                              |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. People want Ford                | a. second term in office     |
| 2. he said he would stay           | b. your trust and confidence |
| 3. He will also fight for a        | c. in office                 |
| 4. he would continue doing the job | d. clear                     |
| 5. I know I have to regain         | e. to resign                 |
| 6. He made it crystal              | f. he was elected to do      |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1311/131108-toronto-mayor-4.html>

The (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of Toronto Rob Ford has admitted smoking crack cocaine (2) \_\_\_\_\_. For many months, he said he hadn't smoked cocaine. Fighting (3) \_\_\_\_\_, he apologised to Toronto citizens. He said he (4) \_\_\_\_\_. He said he wasn't a drug addict or an alcoholic. Toronto's police (5) \_\_\_\_\_ smoking the drug. The story (6) \_\_\_\_\_ May. Ford had continually said it was untrue.

People want Ford to resign but he said (7) \_\_\_\_\_. He will also fight for a second (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the next election. He said he would continue doing the job (9) \_\_\_\_\_ do. He added: "I know I have to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ and confidence." At a press conference, he said: "I have (11) \_\_\_\_\_. I would do absolutely anything to change the past, but (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

He made it "crystal clear" he would never do such a thing again.

# DRUGS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1311/131108-toronto-mayor-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about drugs 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)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)

# FREE WRITING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1311/131108-toronto-mayor-4.html>

Write about **drugs** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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