

9th September 2022

Britain has a new prime minister, Liz Truss, who has taken upon the position from the departing Boris Johnson. The appointment was given the go ahead with Liz Truss alongside the queen in a formal **ceremony** at Balmoral Castle in Scotland. Former foreign secretary Liz Truss fought against her **rival** Rishi Sunak in the race for Number 10 Downing Street, the official address for a British prime minister. Boris Johnson gave a **farewell** speech among the packed steps of Number 10. He threatened to steal the show despite losing. He also dropped an obscure clue that he might one day make a return to leadership. Johnson made a round-trip to Scotland to greet Queen Elizabeth II concerning his notice to resign. The queen was at her castle within her **estate** at Balmoral where she spends her time throughout summer. But unlike tradition, publicity photos were taken in the queen's living room due to the queen requiring a walking stick to lean on. The monarch was standing beside her furniture dressed in a Scottish plaid skirt and cardigan. Liz Truss was at the meeting, for participation in the **so-called** "kissing-of-the-hands" ceremony to invite her to gather a new team. As they shook hands, Truss became the third female prime minister in British history. However, regarding the future leader, Johnson said he supports her beyond his term in office "every step of the way".

Q1. _____

Think of any kind of famous team or group. If you were suddenly made responsible for it for one day, what would you change and why?

Q2. _____

Which bolded words in the text mean:
goodbye - a special event - a common way to refer to something - a competitor - an area of land with housing

Q3. _____

"dropping an obscure clue"

What does the italicised word above mean:
forgetting - mentioning - failing?

Q4. _____

Comprehension true or false:

1. The ceremony took place on the steps of Number 10.
2. Boris Johnson said he is leaving politics forever.
3. No photos were taken for privacy reasons.
4. Liz Truss was excluded from the ceremony.
5. Boris Johnson said he would help Liz Truss as much as he can.

Q5. _____

Link the five synonym pairs:

- | | |
|------------|-------------------|
| 1. greet | A. leave |
| 2. depart | B. a royal leader |
| 3. rival | C. say hello |
| 4. monarch | D. full up |
| 5. packed | E. competitor |

Q6. _____

Spell the words correctly:

who has **n e a t k** upon the position

Boris Johnson gave a **l f r a w e l e** speech

concerning his **o n c i t e** to resign

as they **k s o h o** hands

Johnson said he **t s p o r u s p** her

Q7. _____

Discussion questions / Writing practice:

Are traditional ceremonies still relevant to modern society?

What are the best and worst ways to inform someone of good or bad news?

What female leaders do you know and/or support?

Q8. _____

10 B2 revision keywords: underlined in text.