

Liz Truss takes upon prime minister role

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Warm-up activities

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?

Which are better in your opinion, rural villages or packed cities?

Write a ten word sentence about Britain. Then write a ten word sentence about your country.

Scan the text and find a word or phrase that means:

- *a special event* (paragraph 1) c...
- *a competitor* (paragraph 2) r...
- *goodbye* (paragraph 2) f...
- *an area of land with housing* (paragraph 3) e...
- *a common way to refer to something* (paragraph 4) s...

What does the italicised word below mean – *forgetting*, *mentioning*, or *failing*?

- *dropping* an obscure clue

Comprehension true or false

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| 1. Liz Truss is replacing Boris Johnson. | T / F |
| 2. The ceremony took place on the steps of Number 10. | T / F |
| 3. Rishi Sunak is leaving his address at Number 10. | T / F |
| 4. Boris Johnson said he is leaving politics forever. | T / F |
| 5. The queen received Boris Johnson's notice to resign. | T / F |
| 6. No photos were taken for privacy reasons. | T / F |
| 7. The queen was wearing traditional clothing. | T / F |
| 8. Liz Truss was excluded from the ceremony. | T / F |
| 9. Liz Truss is the fourth female British prime minister. | T / F |
| 10. Boris Johnson said he would help Liz Truss as much as he can. | T / F |

Match-up phrases, synonyms, antonyms

Match the words on the left to their endings to make phrases from the text.

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| 1. round- | A. go ahead |
| 2. taken | B. the show |
| 3. fought | C. photos |
| 4. a farewell | D. upon |
| 5. publicity | E. hands |
| 6. steal | F. trip |
| 7. shook | G. against |
| 8. given the | H. speech |
| 9. every step | I. called |
| 10. so- | J. of the way |

Match the words on the left from the text to their synonyms.

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

Match the words on the left from the text to their antonyms.

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| 1. obscure | A. privacy |
| 2. invite | B. clear |
| 3. publicity | C. exclude |

Missing grammar: formal prepositions

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| A. within | F. unlike |
| B. alongside | G. against |
| C. beside | H. regarding |
| D. upon | I. beyond |
| E. concerning | J. despite |

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Multiple choice vocabulary

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| 1. A. disappearing | B. appear | C. departing | D. depart |
| 2. A. rivalry | B. rivals | C. rivalling | D. rival |
| 3. A. treats | B. threatened | C. threats | D. sweetened |
| 4. A. particular | B. obscure | C. obscurely | D. particularly |
| 5. A. concerns | B. concern | C. concerning | D. concerned |
| 6. A. resign | B. retire | C. return | D. retrieve |
| 7. A. outside | B. news | C. publicity | D. advertising |
| 8. A. stick | B. monarch | C. clock | D. photographer |
| 9. A. gather | B. group | C. guide | D. grant |
| 10. A. behind | B. belong | C. because | D. beyond |

Spelling

Spell the words from the text correctly.

1. who has **n e a t k** upon the position ta...
2. a formal **o r n e m c y e** at Balmoral Castle ce...
3. Liz Truss fought against her **v a r l i** ri...
4. Boris Johnson gave a **l f r a w e l e** speech fa...
5. he **e r e h n t a t d e** to steal the show th...
6. concerning his **o n c i t e** to resign no...
7. was standing **e i s b e d** her furniture be...
8. invite her to **h r g a t e** a new team ga...
9. as they **k s o h o** hands sh...
10. Johnson said he **t s p o r u s p** her su...

Fill-in first letters

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Cool-down activities

Discussion questions:

- Are traditional ceremonies still relevant to modern society?
- What makes a speech powerful – the qualifications of the speaker, the logic of the speech, or the emotion of its performance?
- Have you ever travelled really far for an event, or was it done online?
- What are the best and worst ways to inform someone of good or bad news?
- What female leaders do you know and/or support?

CEFR B2 10 keywords revision list:

beyond concern depart gather monarch

obscure publicity resign rival threaten

Scattergories. In the table below, add one word to each box that matches both the beginning letter and the category, e.g. a type of building beginning with *L* is *library*.

	R	O	L	E
A type of profession				
A famous place				
Something used by hand				
An adjective for a person				
A type of building				

Answers

Page 2 Warm-up

a special event / ceremony
a competitor / rival
goodbye / farewell
an area of land with housing / estate
a common way to refer to something / so-called
dropping / mentioning

Page 3 Comprehension true or false

1T, 2F, 3F, 4F, 5T, 6F, 7T, 8F, 9F, 10T

Page 4 Match-up: phrases, synonyms, antonyms

Phrases 1F, 2D, 3G, 4H, 5C, 6B, 7E, 8A, 9J, 10I
Synonyms 1C, 2A, 3E, 4B, 5D
Antonyms 1B, 2C, 3A

Page 5 Missing grammar

1D, 2B, 3G, 4J, 5E, 6A, 7F, 8C, 9H, 10I

Page 6 Multiple choice vocabulary

1C, 2D, 3B, 4B, 5C, 6A, 7C, 8B, 9A, 10D

Page 7 Spelling

TAKEN, CEREMONY, RIVAL, FAREWELL, THREATENED,
NOTICE, BESIDE, GATHER, SHOOK, SUPPORTS

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