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Level 2 – 11th December, 2019

Finnish woman, 34, to be world's youngest prime minister

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A 34-year-old woman will be the youngest prime minister in the world. Her name is Sanna Marin. She celebrated her 34th birthday last week. She became the head of the Finnish Social Democrats Party in an election last Sunday. She got 32 of the 61 votes to become leader. Ms Marin was the minister of transport and communications. She is taking over as Finland's prime minister after her former boss, the ex-prime minister, announced last week that he was quitting. Marin will be the youngest prime minister in Finland's history.

Sanna Marin is very excited at the idea of leading her country. She said: "There's a lot of work to be done. First, we'll have to call a meeting...and review the...joint government program which glues the coalition together." She added that one of her first jobs is to increase the popularity of her party, saying: "We have a lot of work ahead to rebuild trust." Marin will lead a coalition government. All four leaders in the coalition are also women. Marin is a new kind of leader. She shares photos of her private, social and political life on her Instagram page.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. She celebrated | a. prime minister |
| 2. in an election | b. boss |
| 3. She got 32 of the 61 | c. in Finland's history |
| 4. minister of transport and | d. votes |
| 5. She is taking over as Finland's | e. was quitting |
| 6. her former | f. last Sunday |
| 7. announced last week that he | g. communications |
| 8. the youngest prime minister | h. her 34th birthday |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. excited at the idea of | a. photos |
| 2. glues the coalition | b. trust |
| 3. increase the popularity | c. page |
| 4. rebuild | d. together |
| 5. All four leaders | e. political life |
| 6. She shares | f. leading her country |
| 7. her private, social and | g. in the coalition |
| 8. on her Instagram | h. of her party |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A 34-year-old woman will (1) _____ prime minister in the world. Her name is Sanna Marin. (2) _____ 34th birthday last week. She became (3) _____ the Finnish Social Democrats Party in an election last Sunday. She got 32 of the 61 votes (4) _____. Ms Marin was the minister of transport and communications. She is taking over as Finland's prime minister after (5) _____, the ex-prime minister, announced last week that (6) _____. Marin will be the youngest prime minister in Finland's history.

Sanna Marin is very excited at the (7) _____ her country. She said: "There's a lot of work to be done. First, we'll have to call a (8) _____ the...joint government program which glues the coalition together." She added that one of her first jobs is to (9) _____ of her party, saying: "We have a lot of work ahead (10) _____." Marin will lead a coalition government. All four leaders in the coalition are also women. Marin is a new (11) _____. She shares photos of her private, (12) _____ life on her Instagram page.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PRIME MINISTERS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191211-prime-minister-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about prime ministers 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) _____

