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## Equality in U.K. royal law change

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# THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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The United Kingdom has changed laws on who can become a king or queen. Old laws said that even if a daughter was born first, any brothers born after her would be ahead of her to become a future monarch. The new laws mean that if Prince William and his wife have a girl first, she will be first in line after William becomes king. The leaders of 16 countries where the Queen is head of state agreed to the new laws. This now means greater sexual equality for British royals.

Another major change was also made. It is now OK for a king or queen to marry a Roman Catholic. For hundreds of years this was not allowed. British Prime Minister David Cameron said a Catholic monarch must agree with the Church of England because he or she is the head of that Church. He added: "It is simply wrong they should be denied the chance to marry a Catholic...After all, they are already quite free to marry someone of any other [religion]."

# PHRASE MATCH

From: [http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1110/111030-royal\\_family.html](http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1110/111030-royal_family.html)

**Match the following phrases from the article.**

## Paragraph 1

- |                            |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. changed laws on who can | a. future monarch |
| 2. even if a daughter      | b. of state       |
| 3. become a                | c. was born first |
| 4. she will be first       | d. equality       |
| 5. the Queen is head       | e. become a king  |
| 6. greater sexual          | f. in line        |

## Paragraph 2

- |                                      |                      |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Another major                     | a. was not allowed   |
| 2. For hundreds of years this        | b. denied the chance |
| 3. must agree                        | c. of that Church    |
| 4. he or she is the head             | d. to marry someone  |
| 5. It is simply wrong they should be | e. change            |
| 6. they are already quite free       | f. with the Church   |

# LISTENING GAP FILL

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The United Kingdom \_\_\_\_\_ who can become a king or queen. Old laws \_\_\_\_\_ daughter was born first, any brothers born after her would be ahead of her to become a future monarch. The \_\_\_\_\_ if Prince William and his wife \_\_\_\_\_, she will be first in line after William becomes king. The leaders of 16 countries where the Queen \_\_\_\_\_ agreed to the new laws. This now means \_\_\_\_\_ for British royals.

Another \_\_\_\_\_ made. It is now OK for a king or queen to marry a Roman Catholic. For \_\_\_\_\_ this was not allowed. British Prime Minister David Cameron said a Catholic monarch \_\_\_\_\_ Church of England because he or she is the \_\_\_\_\_. He added: "It is simply wrong they \_\_\_\_\_ the chance to marry a Catholic...After all, they are already \_\_\_\_\_ marry someone of any other [religion]."

# MULTIPLE CHOICE

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The United Kingdom has changed laws (1) \_\_\_\_\_ who can become a king or queen. Old laws said that (2) \_\_\_\_\_ if a daughter was born first, any brothers born after her would be (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of her to become a future monarch. The new laws mean that if Prince William and his wife have a girl first, she will be first in (4) \_\_\_\_\_ after William becomes king. The leaders of 16 countries where the Queen is (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of state agreed to the new laws. This now means greater sexual equality (6) \_\_\_\_\_ British royals.

Another major change was also (7) \_\_\_\_\_. It is now OK for a king or queen to marry a Roman Catholic. For hundreds of years this was not (8) \_\_\_\_\_. British Prime Minister David Cameron said a Catholic monarch must agree (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the Church of England because he or she is the head of that Church. He (10) \_\_\_\_\_: "It is simply wrong they should be denied the chance to marry a Catholic...After (11) \_\_\_\_\_, they are already (12) \_\_\_\_\_ free to marry someone of any other [religion]."

## Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- |     |             |                |              |
|-----|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) in      | (b) of         | (c) on       |
| 2.  | (a) even    | (b) never      | (c) ever     |
| 3.  | (a) forward | (b) ahead      | (c) future   |
| 4.  | (a) line    | (b) queue      | (c) straight |
| 5.  | (a) neck    | (b) head       | (c) stomach  |
| 6.  | (a) at      | (b) for        | (c) so       |
| 7.  | (a) made    | (b) did        | (c) having   |
| 8.  | (a) let     | (b) permission | (c) allowed  |
| 9.  | (a) at      | (b) with       | (c) in       |
| 10. | (a) divided | (b) took away  | (c) added    |
| 11. | (a) every   | (b) each       | (c) all      |
| 12. | (a) quite   | (b) quit       | (c) quiet    |

# SPELLING

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**Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.**

## Paragraph 1

1. cgdhnae laws
2. a rudegaht was born
3. become a uuertf monarch
4. she will be rifts in line
5. edserla of 16 countries
6. greater sexual aeqylti

## Paragraph 2

7. Another maroj change
8. serddhun of years
9. this was not alwoled
10. It is simply norgw
11. be denied the ecnahc to
12. any other negiilro

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From: [http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1110/111030-royal\\_family.html](http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1110/111030-royal_family.html)

## Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) her would be ahead of her to become a future monarch. The new laws mean that if Prince William and
- ( ) his wife have a girl first, she will be first in line after William becomes
- ( ) a Catholic...After all, they are already quite free to marry someone of any other [religion]."
- ( ) to the new laws. This now means greater sexual equality for British royals.
- ( ) king. The leaders of 16 countries where the Queen is head of state agreed
- ( ) with the Church of England because he or she is the head of that
- ( ) queen to marry a Roman Catholic. For hundreds of years this was not
- ( **1** ) The United Kingdom has changed laws on who can become a king or queen. Old laws
- ( ) said that even if a daughter was born first, any brothers born after
- ( ) Another major change was also made. It is now OK for a king or
- ( ) Church. He added: "It is simply wrong they should be denied the chance to marry
- ( ) allowed. British Prime Minister David Cameron said a Catholic monarch must agree

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**With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.**

1. who a queen on become or Laws can king.

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2. of future her monarch to become Ahead a.

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3. will first line She be in.

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4. Countries head where of the state Queen is.

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5. now greater equality This means sexual.

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6. was made Another change also major.

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7. years this For was hundreds not of allowed.

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8. with Catholic the monarch Church must agree A.

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9. is of she head Church or the that He.

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10. of Free any to other marry religion someone.

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

### **STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

### **STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_



# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. ROYAL FAMILIES:** Search the Internet and find more information about royal families. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about royal families. Include an imaginary interview with a king or queen. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**5. LETTER:** Write a letter to a royal family expert. Ask him/her three questions about royal families. Give him/her three of your opinions on them. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.