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## Royal nurse kills herself after prank call

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# THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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A 46-year-old nurse has killed herself after falling for a prank telephone call. Jacintha Saldanha, a mother of two, connected a telephone call to the nurse who was treating the Duchess of Cambridge, Kate Middleton. The caller used a fake accent and said she was the British Queen. It was really a DJ called Mel Greg from an Australian radio station. Ms Saldanha believed it was the Queen and passed the call on to the Duchess' nurse, who gave details of her patient's condition.

Friends of Jacintha said she felt "very lonely and confused" after making the mistake of connecting the call. She knew it was her mistake. She said she felt sorry that she allowed a prank caller to find out private details of the Duchess of Cambridge. The radio's DJ has been taken off her show. The Sydney radio station, called 2Day FM, has received over 10,000 comments on its Facebook page. Posters are angry at the DJ and the radio station. Some people said the DJ has blood on her hands. Ms Greg is now receiving counseling.

# PHRASE MATCH

From: [http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1212/121209-prank\\_caller.html](http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1212/121209-prank_caller.html)

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

## Paragraph 1

- |                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. killed              | a. of two              |
| 2. a mother            | b. herself             |
| 3. connected a         | c. accent              |
| 4. fake                | d. station             |
| 5. radio               | e. patient's condition |
| 6. gave details of her | f. telephone           |

## Paragraph 2

- |                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. lonely and     | a. caller        |
| 2. connecting     | b. confused      |
| 3. a prank        | c. counseling    |
| 4. received over  | d. the call      |
| 5. protestors are | e. Facebook page |
| 6. receiving      | f. angry         |

# LISTENING GAP FILL

From: [http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1212/121209-prank\\_caller.html](http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1212/121209-prank_caller.html)

A 46-year-old nurse has killed herself after falling for a prank (1) \_\_\_\_\_. Jacintha Saldanha, a (2) \_\_\_\_\_ connected a telephone call to the nurse who (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Duchess of Cambridge, Kate Middleton. (4) The caller used \_\_\_\_\_ and said she was the British Queen. It was (5) \_\_\_\_\_ called Mel Greg from an Australian radio station. Ms Saldanha believed it was the Queen and (6) \_\_\_\_\_ on to the Duchess' nurse, who gave details of her patient's condition.

Friends of Jacintha said she felt very (7) \_\_\_\_\_ after making the mistake of (8) \_\_\_\_\_. She knew it was her mistake. She said she felt sorry that she allowed a (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to find out private details of the Duchess of Cambridge. The radio's DJ has been (10) \_\_\_\_\_. The Sydney radio station, called 2Day FM, has received over 10,000 comments on its Facebook page. Posters are (11) \_\_\_\_\_ DJ and the radio station. Some people said the DJ has (12) \_\_\_\_\_. Ms Greg is now receiving counseling.

# MULTIPLE CHOICE

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A 46-year-old nurse has killed herself after (1) \_\_\_\_\_ for a prank (2) \_\_\_\_\_ call. Jacintha Saldanha, a mother of two, connected a telephone call to the nurse who was (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the Duchess of Cambridge, Kate Middleton. The caller used a (4) \_\_\_\_\_ accent and said she was the Queen. It was really a DJ called Mel Greg from an Australian radio station. Ms Saldanha (5) \_\_\_\_\_ it was the Queen and passed the call on to the Duchess' nurse, who gave details of her patient's (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Friends of Jacintha said she felt "very lonely and (7) \_\_\_\_\_ after making the mistake of (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the call. She knew it was her mistake. She said she felt sorry that she allowed a prank caller to find out (9) \_\_\_\_\_ details of the Duchess of Cambridge. The radio's DJ has been taken off her show. The Sydney (10) \_\_\_\_\_ station, called 2Day FM, has received over 10,000 comments on its Facebook page. Posters are (11) \_\_\_\_\_ at the DJ and the radio station. Some people said the DJ has blood on her hands. Ms Greg is now (12) \_\_\_\_\_ counseling.

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

- |     |                 |                |                |
|-----|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) calling     | (b) falling    | (c) dropping   |
| 2.  | (a) smart phone | (b) computer   | (c) telephone  |
| 3.  | (a) treating    | (b) treatment  | (c) treated    |
| 4.  | (a) flake       | (b) fake       | (c) fluke      |
| 5.  | (a) before      | (b) believed   | (c) belief     |
| 6.  | (a) condition   | (b) community  | (c) command    |
| 7.  | (a) confused    | (b) condition  | (c) happy      |
| 8.  | (a) connection  | (b) join       | (c) connecting |
| 9.  | (a) private     | (b) local      | (c) fantastic  |
| 10. | (a) radio       | (b) television | (c) hospital   |
| 11. | (a) hungry      | (b) anger      | (c) angry      |
| 12. | (a) connecting  | (b) going      | (c) receiving  |

# SPELLING

From: [http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1212/121209-prank\\_caller.html](http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1212/121209-prank_caller.html)

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

## Paragraph 1

1. prank hetpolene call.
2. encecnodt a telephone call
3. netgairt the Duchess of Cambridge
4. used a fake enctac
5. siaAltrnua radio station
6. details of her patient's iicdnoont

## Paragraph 2

7. making the mistake of gnoeitrccr the call
8. wdalole a prank caller to find out
9. find out epairvt details
10. 2Day FM evreidec over 10,000 comments
11. people said the DJ has bodlo on her hands
12. Ms Greg is now nicegeirv counseling.

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From: [http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1212/121209-prank\\_caller.html](http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1212/121209-prank_caller.html)

## Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) station. Ms Saldanha believed it was the Queen and passed the call
- ( ) taken off her show. The Sydney radio station, called 2Day FM, has received over 10,000
- ( ) sorry that she allowed a prank caller to find out private details of the Duchess of Cambridge. The radio's DJ has been
- ( **1** ) A 46-year-old nurse has killed herself after falling for a prank telephone call. Jacintha Saldanha, a mother
- ( ) the mistake of connecting the call. She knew it was her mistake. She said she felt
- ( ) on to the Duchess' nurse, who gave details of her patient's condition.
- ( ) accent and said she was the British Queen. It was really a DJ called Mel Greg from an Australian radio
- ( ) Friends of Jacintha said she felt "very lonely and confused" after making
- ( ) comments on its Facebook page. Posters are angry at the DJ and the radio station. Some people
- ( ) of two, connected a telephone call to the nurse who was treating
- ( ) the Duchess of Cambridge, Kate Middleton. The caller used a fake
- ( ) said the DJ has blood on her hands. Ms Greg is now receiving counseling

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. - has A year nurse herself - old killed 46.

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2. to call telephone a Connected nurse the.

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3. caller a accent The used fake.

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4. said She Queen British the was she.

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5. details her condition Gave of patient's.

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6. felt lonely confused She very and.

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7. mistake the Making call the connecting of.

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8. a prank caller to find out private details She allowed.

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9. has off DJ taken show radio's been her The.

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10. the blood hands said has her people DJ on Some.

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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. PRANK CALL:** Search the Internet and find more information about prank calls. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about this story. Include an imaginary interview with the Duchess of Cambridge. 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 expert. Ask him/her three questions about the British royal family. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.