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FBI boss thought his firing was a joke

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THE ARTICLE

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President Trump has fired James Comey, the now former Director and boss of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). It is only the second time in US history for the boss of the FBI to be fired. Mr Comey at first thought the news of his firing was a prank and he didn't believe it. He was in Los Angeles to address employees at an FBI field office. While talking to FBI agents, he saw a news program reporting on the fact that President Trump had removed him from his position. FBI staff then confirmed to Mr Comey that he had indeed been fired. The White House hand delivered a letter from President Trump to Mr Comey at his Washington office informing him of his firing, but Comey was not there to receive it.

The sacking is now a huge political story in the USA. Many newspapers and TV news stations are saying Mr Comey was fired because he was investigating President Trump's alleged links to Russia. Journalists are saying the sacking is to try to cover up a scandal concerning President Trump and Russia. The White House denied this, saying the sacking had nothing to do with Russia. Officials stated that Comey was removed from his position because of his mishandling of investigations into Hillary Clinton's e-mails when she was Secretary of State. They said this left him unable to effectively lead the FBI. President Trump said it was time for a "new beginning" at the USA's "crown jewel of law enforcement".

Sources: <http://news.sky.com/story/shocked-fbi-boss-james-comey-thought-his-firing-was-a-prank-10870875>
<http://thehill.com/homenews/administration/332662-comey-learned-he-was-fired-from-tv-reports>
<https://www.vox.com/2017/5/9/15602922/james-comey-fired-prank>

WARM-UPS

1. THE FBI: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about the FBI. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

fired / director / boss / FBI/ / prank / address / agents / news / letter / office / political / newspapers / investigating / scandal / officials / mishandling / e-mails

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. GOOD JOB: Students A **strongly** believe President Trump is doing a good job as President; Students B **strongly** believe he isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. SCANDAL: What scandals do you know of? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

| | What? | Damage? |
|---------------|-------|---------|
| Political | | |
| Sports | | |
| Business | | |
| Celebrity | | |
| Local | | |
| Environmental | | |

5. BOSS: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "boss". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. NEWS STORIES: Rank these with your partner. Put the best news stories at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- political scandal
- sports
- environment
- new inventions
- medical breakthrough
- celebrity gossip
- happy news
- about your leader

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170512-fbi-boss.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. James Comey becomes the second FBI boss in US history to be fired. **T / F**
- b. Mr Comey still thinks his firing is a prank. **T / F**
- c. Comey was in his office in Washington when he heard the news. **T / F**
- d. President Trump e-mailed Mr Comey the news of his firing. **T / F**
- e. The news said Mr Comey was investigating Mr Trump's links to Russia. **T / F**
- f. The White House denied the sacking was part of a cover up. **T / F**
- g. Officials said Comey was fired because of an investigation into e-mails. **T / F**
- h. Donald Trump said the FBI was the crown jewel of law enforcement. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. fired | a. enormous |
| 2. prank | b. initially |
| 3. address | c. successfully |
| 4. at first | d. talk to |
| 5. informing | e. supposed |
| 6. huge | f. sacked |
| 7. alleged | g. finest example |
| 8. mishandling | h. telling |
| 9. effectively | i. practical joke |
| 10. crown jewel | j. bungling |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. the now | a. been fired |
| 2. It is only the second time | b. on the fact |
| 3. the news of his firing | c. new beginning |
| 4. a news program reporting | d. in US history |
| 5. he had indeed | e. political story |
| 6. The sacking is now a huge | f. up a scandal |
| 7. Trump's alleged | g. former Director and boss |
| 8. the sacking is to try to cover | h. to do with Russia |
| 9. the sacking had nothing | i. was a prank |
| 10. it was time for a | j. links to Russia |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170512-fbi-boss.html>

President Trump has (1) _____ James Comey, the now former Director and boss of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). It is only the (2) _____ time in US history for the boss of the FBI to be fired. Mr Comey at first thought the news of his firing was a (3) _____ and he didn't believe it. He was in Los Angeles to address employees at an FBI (4) _____ office. While talking to FBI agents, he saw a news program reporting on the (5) _____ that President Trump had removed him from his (6) _____. FBI staff then confirmed to Mr Comey that he had indeed been fired. The White House (7) _____ delivered a letter from President Trump to Mr Comey at his Washington office (8) _____ him of his firing, but Comey was not there to receive it.

second
position
field
informing
fired
prank
hand
fact

The sacking is now a (9) _____ political story in the USA. Many newspapers and TV news stations are saying Mr Comey was fired because he was investigating President Trump's (10) _____ links to Russia. Journalists are saying the sacking is to try to (11) _____ up a (12) _____ concerning President Trump and Russia. The White House denied this, saying the sacking had (13) _____ to do with Russia. Officials stated that Comey was removed from his position because of his (14) _____ of investigations into Hillary Clinton's e-mails when she was Secretary of State. They said this left him (15) _____ to effectively lead the FBI. President Trump said it was time for a "new beginning" at the USA's "crown (16) _____ of law enforcement".

cover
nothing
huge
jewel
scandal
unable
alleged
mishandling

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) the now former Director and boss of the Federal Bureau _____
 - a. of Investigators
 - b. of Investigating
 - c. of Investigative
 - d. of Investigation
- 2) only the second time in US history for the boss of the FBI _____
 - a. too been fired
 - b. to be fired
 - c. to being fired
 - d. too be fired
- 3) Mr Comey at first thought the news of his firing _____
 - a. was a plank
 - b. was a prank
 - c. was a spank
 - d. was a sprang
- 4) While talking to FBI agents, he saw a news program reporting _____
 - a. on the fact
 - b. in the fact
 - c. onto the fact
 - d. into the fact
- 5) ...Mr Comey at his Washington office informing him _____
 - a. of this firing
 - b. of his firing
 - c. of his fire in
 - d. of this fire in
- 6) fired because he was investigating President Trump's alleged _____
 - a. links two Russia
 - b. links too Russia
 - c. links to Russia
 - d. links through Russia
- 7) Journalists are saying the sacking is to try to cover _____
 - a. up a scandal
 - b. on a scandal
 - c. down a scandal
 - d. of a scandal
- 8) The White House denied this, saying the sacking had nothing _____ Russia
 - a. to have with
 - b. to be with
 - c. to get with
 - d. to do with
- 9) They said this left him unable to effectively _____
 - a. leads the FBI
 - b. leader the FBI
 - c. leaded the FBI
 - d. lead the FBI
- 10) time for a "new beginning" at the USA's "crown _____ enforcement"
 - a. jewel of roar
 - b. jewel of law
 - c. jewel of lore
 - d. jewel of raw

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The sacking (7) _____ political story in the USA. Many newspapers and TV news stations are saying Mr Comey was fired because he was investigating President Trump's (8) _____ Russia. Journalists are saying the sacking (9) _____ a scandal concerning President Trump and Russia. The White House denied this, saying the sacking (10) _____ with Russia. Officials stated that Comey was removed from his position because of his mishandling of investigations into Hillary Clinton's (11) _____ was Secretary of State. They said this left him unable to effectively lead the FBI. President Trump said it was time for a "new beginning" at the USA's "(12) _____ law enforcement".

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170512-fbi-boss.html>

1. How many FBI directors had been fired before James Comey?
2. What did Comey initially believe news of his firing was?
3. In what city was Mr Comey when he found out?
4. Who was Mr Comey talking to when he found out?
5. Who hand delivered a letter to Mr Comey?
6. What is now a huge political story in the USA?
7. What are journalists calling the sacking of Mr Comey?
8. Whose e-mails had James Comey been investigating?
9. What did officials say Mr Comey was unable to do effectively?
10. What did Mr Trump say was the US's "crown jewel of law enforcement"?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170512-fbi-boss.html>

- 1) How many FBI directors had been fired before James Comey?
 - a) 0
 - b) 3
 - c) 2
 - d) 1
- 2) What did Comey initially believe news of his firing was?
 - a) fake news
 - b) a practical joke
 - c) fair
 - d) what he expected
- 3) In what city was Mr Comey when he found out?
 - a) New York
 - b) Washington
 - c) Los Angeles
 - d) Port Moresby
- 4) Who was Mr Comey talking to when he found out?
 - a) FBI agents
 - b) his best friend
 - c) Donald Trump
 - d) a journalist
- 5) Who hand delivered a letter to Mr Comey?
 - a) an FBI agent
 - b) a police officer
 - c) the White House
 - d) a journalist
- 6) What is now a huge political story in the USA?
 - a) the 2020 Presidential election
 - b) Comey's sacking
 - c) life on Mars
 - d) the Democrats
- 7) What are journalists calling the sacking of Mr Comey?
 - a) the beginning of the end
 - b) Donald vs. James
 - c) the end of the beginning
 - d) a cover up
- 8) Whose e-mails had James Comey been investigating?
 - a) Hillary Clinton's
 - b) the Vice President's
 - c) Donald Trump's
 - d) Barack Obama's
- 9) What did officials say Mr Comey was unable to do effectively?
 - a) mishandle investigations
 - b) e-mail
 - c) lead the FBI
 - d) address FBI agents
- 10) What did Mr Trump say was the US's "crown jewel of law enforcement"?
 - a) NYPD
 - b) the FBI
 - c) LAPD
 - d) the CIA

ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170512-fbi-boss.html>

Role A – Political Scandal

You think political scandal is the best news to read about. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their kind of news. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): sports, celebrity gossip or happy news.

Role B – Sports

You think sports is the best news to read about. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their kind of news. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): political scandal, celebrity gossip or happy news.

Role C – Celebrity Gossip

You think celebrity gossip is the best news to read about. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their kind of news. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): sports, political scandal or happy news.

Role D – Happy News

You think happy news is the best news to read about. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their kind of news. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): sports, celebrity gossip or political scandal.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170512-fbi-boss.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'boss' and 'fired'.

| | |
|-------------|--------------|
| boss | fired |
|-------------|--------------|

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

| | |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• former• second• prank• fact• indeed• receive | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• huge• links• scandal• nothing• unable• crown |
|---|---|

THE FBI SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the FBI 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.

THE FBI DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What springs to mind when you hear the word 'FBI'?
3. What springs to mind when you hear the name Donald Trump?
4. What do you know about the FBI?
5. How big is this news in your country?
6. Has anyone ever played a prank on you?
7. What do you think of US politics?
8. Why is this such big news?
9. Do you think the firing will change things in the FBI?
10. What is your country's equivalent of the FBI?

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THE FBI DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'fired'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What's the latest big political story in your country?
15. What do you know about the story alleging Trump's links to Russia?
16. What would happen if the scandal turned out to be true?
17. Do you think news organizations in the US are out to get Mr Trump?
18. What do you know about the Hillary Clinton e-mail story?
19. How is Donald Trump doing as US President?
20. What questions would you like to ask James Comey?

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. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) now | (b) new | (c) gnaw | (d) know |
| 2. | (a) timed | (b) timing | (c) time | (d) timely |
| 3. | (a) plank | (b) plaque | (c) prank | (d) plague |
| 4. | (a) at | (b) to | (c) in | (d) on |
| 5. | (a) conformed | (b) confined | (c) confirmed | (d) conferred |
| 6. | (a) information | (b) informing | (c) informed | (d) inform |
| 7. | (a) politico | (b) political | (c) politic | (d) politician |
| 8. | (a) allegory | (b) alleged | (c) allegro | (d) allegation |
| 9. | (a) on | (b) over | (c) up | (d) in |
| 10. | (a) take | (b) be | (c) have | (d) do |
| 11. | (a) affectively | (b) affectionately | (c) affectedly | (d) effectively |
| 12. | (a) headband | (b) garland | (c) tiara | (d) crown |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. the now eorrfm Director and boss
2. Federal ruaBeu of Investigation
3. in Los Angeles to rdadses employees
4. talking to FBI gaestn
5. hand drdeeiely a letter
6. niringfom him of his firing

Paragraph 2

7. a huge liaitlpco story
8. he was taisetngvgin President Trump
9. aedlegl links to Russia
10. his nhsaldimnig of investigations
11. etevifcflye lead the FBI
12. crown elejw

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () indeed been fired. The White House hand delivered a letter from President Trump to Mr Comey at
- () his Washington office informing him of his firing, but Comey was not there to receive it.
- () employees at an FBI field office. While talking to FBI agents, he saw a news program reporting on the fact
- () concerning President Trump and Russia. The White House denied this, saying the sacking had nothing to
- (**1**) President Trump has fired James Comey, the now former Director and boss of the Federal Bureau of
- () first thought the news of his firing was a prank and he didn't believe it. He was in Los Angeles to address
- () The sacking is now a huge political story in the USA. Many newspapers and TV news stations are
- () that President Trump had removed him from his position. FBI staff then confirmed to Mr Comey that he had
- () do with Russia. Officials stated that Comey was removed from his position because of his mishandling
- () saying Mr Comey was fired because he was investigating President Trump's alleged links
- () effectively lead the FBI. President Trump said it was time for a "new beginning" at the USA's "crown jewel of law enforcement".
- () of investigations into Hillary Clinton's e-mails when she was Secretary of State. They said this left him unable to
- () to Russia. Journalists are saying the sacking is to try to cover up a scandal
- () Investigation (FBI). It is only the second time in US history for the boss of the FBI to be fired. Mr Comey at

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. history time fired boss for in The to the US second be FBI .
2. Comey prank a was firing his of news the thought first at .
3. was He employees address to Angeles Los in .
4. the news fact program He reporting saw on a .
5. he staff to that FBI confirmed Comey had then Mr .
6. is now a huge political story in the USA The sacking .
7. are saying the sacking is to cover up a scandal Journalists .
8. mishandling his of because position his from Removed .
9. left lead him the unable FBI to This effectively .
10. enforcement A new beginning at the USA's crown jewel of law .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170512-fbi-boss.html>

President Trump has *fired* / *fried* James Comey, the now *firmer* / *former* Director and boss of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). It is only the second *time* / *times* in US history for the boss of the FBI to be fired. Mr Comey at *first* / *firstly* thought the news of his firing was a *plank* / *prank* and he didn't believe it. He was in Los Angeles to *redress* / *address* employees at an FBI field office. While talking to FBI agents, he saw a news program reporting on the *factual* / *fact* that President Trump had removed him from his position. FBI staff then *conformed* / *confirmed* to Mr Comey that he had indeed been fired. The White House *hand* / *handed* delivered a letter from President Trump to Mr Comey at his Washington office informing him of his firing, but Comey was not *there* / *here* to receive it.

The sacking is now a huge *political* / *politic* story in the USA. Many newspapers and TV news stations are *saying* / *said* Mr Comey was fired because he was *investigation* / *investigating* President Trump's alleged links to Russia. Journalists are saying the sacking is to *trial* / *try* to cover up a scandal *concerning* / *concerns* President Trump and Russia. The White House denied this, saying the sacking had nothing to do *within* / *with* Russia. Officials stated that Comey was *removal* / *removed* from his position because of his mishandling of investigations into Hillary Clinton's e-mails when she was Secretary of State. They said this left him *inability* / *unable* to effectively lead the FBI. President Trump said it was time for a "*newly* / *new* beginning" at the USA's "crown jewel of *lawyer* / *law* enforcement".

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Pr_s_d_nt Tr_mp h_s f_r_d J_m_s C_m_y, th_ n_w
f_rm_r D_r_ct_r _nd b_ss _f th_ F_d_r_l B_r_ _f
_nv_st_g_t__n (FB_). _t_s _nly th_s_c_nd t_m__n _S
h_st_ry f_r th_ b_ss _f th_ FB_ t_ b_ f_r_d. Mr C_m_y
_t f_rst th__ght th_ n_ws _f h_s f_r_ng w_s _ pr_nk
nd h d_dn't b_l__v__t. H_w_s _n L_s _ng_l_s t_
_ddr_ss _mpl_y__s _t _n FB_ f__ld _ff_c_. Wh_l_
t_lk_ng t_ FB_ _g_nts, h_ s_w _ n_ws pr_gr_m
r_p_rt_ng _n th_ f_ct th_t Pr_s_d_nt Tr_mp h_d
r_m_v_d h_m fr_m h_s p_s_t__n. FB_ st_ff th_n
c_nf_rm_d t_ Mr C_m_y th_t h_ h_d _nd__d b__n f_r_d.
Th_ Wh_t_ H__s_ h_nd d_l_v_r_d _ l_ttr fr_m
Pr_s_d_nt Tr_mp t_ Mr C_m_y _t h_s W_sh_ngt_n
_ff_c_ _nf_rm_ng h_m _f h_s f_r_ng, b_t C_m_y w_s
n_t th_r_t_r_c__v__t.

Th_s_ck_ng _s n_w _ h_g_ p_l_t_c_l st_ry _n th_ _S_.
M_ny n_wsp_p_rs _nd TV n_ws st_t__ns _r_s_y_ng Mr
C_m_y w_s f_r_d b_c__s_ h_ w_s _nv_st_g_t_ng
Pr_s_d_nt Tr_mp's _ll_g_d_l_nks t_ R_ss___. J__rn_l_sts
_r_s_y_ng th_s_ck_ng _s t_ try t_ c_v_r_p _sc_nd_l
c_nc_rn_ng Pr_s_d_nt Tr_mp _nd R_ss___. Th_ Wh_t_
H__s_ d_n__d th_s, s_y_ng th_s_ck_ng h_d n_th_ng t_
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_nf_rc_m_nt".

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170512-fbi-boss.html>

president trump has fired james comey the now former director and boss of the federal bureau of investigation (fbi) it is only the second time in us history for the boss of the fbi to be fired mr comey at first thought the news of his firing was a prank and he didn't believe it he was in los angeles to address employees at an fbi field office while talking to fbi agents he saw a news program reporting on the fact that president trump had removed him from his position fbi staff then confirmed to mr comey that he had indeed been fired the white house hand delivered a letter from president trump to mr comey at his washington office informing him of his firing but comey was not there to receive it

the sacking is now a huge political story in the usa many newspapers and tv news stations are saying mr comey was fired because he was investigating president trump's alleged links to russia journalists are saying the sacking is to try to cover up a scandal concerning president trump and russia the white house denied this saying the sacking had nothing to do with russia officials stated that comey was removed from his position because of his mishandling of investigations into hillary clinton's e-mails when she was secretary of state they said this left him unable to effectively lead the fbi president trump said it was time for a "new beginning" at the usa's "crown jewel of law enforcement"

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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President Trump has fired James Comey, the now former Director and boss of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). It is only the second time in US history for the boss of the FBI to be fired. Mr Comey at first thought thenews of his firing was a prank and he didn't believe it. He was in Los Angeles to address employees at an FBI field office. While talking to FBI agents, he saw a news program reporting on the fact that President Trump had removed him from his position. FBI staff then confirmed to Mr Comey that he had indeed been fired. The White House had delivered a letter from President Trump to Mr Comey at his Washington office informing him of his firing, but Comey was not there to receive it. The sacking is now a huge political story in the USA. Many newspapers and TV news stations are saying Mr Comey was fired because he was investigating President Trump's alleged links to Russia. Journalists are saying the sacking is to try to cover up a scandal concerning President Trump and Russia. The White House denied this, saying the sacking had nothing to do with Russia. Officials stated that Comey was removed from his position because of his mishandling of investigations into Hillary Clinton's e-mails when she was Secretary of State. They said this left him unable to effectively lead the FBI. President Trump said it was time for a "new beginning" at the USA's "crown jewel of law enforcement".

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. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about the FBI. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. THE FBI: Make a poster about the FBI. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. COVER UP: Write a magazine article about James Comet being fired as part of a cover up. Include imaginary interviews with people who believe this and with people who don't believe it.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. 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.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on the FBI. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on law enforcement agencies. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a T b F c F d F e T f T g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. fired | a. sacked |
| 2. prank | b. practical joke |
| 3. address | c. talk to |
| 4. at first | d. initially |
| 5. informing | e. telling |
| 6. huge | f. enormous |
| 7. alleged | g. supposed |
| 8. mishandling | h. bungling |
| 9. effectively | i. successfully |
| 10. crown jewel | j. finest example |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. One
2. A prank
3. Los Angeles
4. FBI agents
5. Donald Trump
6. Mr Comey's sacking
7. A cover up
8. Hillary Clinton's
9. Lead the FBI
10. The FBI

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. d 2. b 3. c 4. a 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. a 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)