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Level 0 – 17th October 2024

U.K. court says calling a man 'bald' is sexist

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The UK said calling a man "bald" is sexist. This is because the word bald is related to men. Most bald people are men. A company boss called a worker bald. The boss fired the worker. The worker won a case against the company in a court. The judge said the word bald was sexual harassment and harmful to men.

The court decided if 'bald' was an insult or harassment. The company said it was not harassment because women can be bald. The court disagreed. It said that saying a man is bald is the same as talking about parts of a woman's body. The court said the word bald was sexist because most bald people are men.

Sources: <https://www.lbc.co.uk/news/bald-hair-men-man-ruling-high-court-latest-tony-finn/>
<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/30968722/calling-man-bald-sexual-harassment-judge-rules/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. the word bald | a. court |
| 2. Most bald | b. harassment |
| 3. A company boss called | c. is related to men |
| 4. The boss | d. against the company |
| 5. The worker won a case | e. to men |
| 6. in a | f. people are men |
| 7. the word bald was sexual | g. fired the worker |
| 8. harmful | h. a worker bald |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. The court decided if bald was | a. disagreed |
| 2. The company said it | b. was sexist |
| 3. women can | c. an insult or harassment |
| 4. The court | d. people are men |
| 5. saying a man is bald is | e. was not harassment |
| 6. talking about parts | f. the same |
| 7. The court said the word bald | g. be bald |
| 8. most bald | h. of a woman's body |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The UK (1) _____ man "bald" is sexist. This is

(2) _____ bald is related to men. Most bald

(3) _____. A company boss called a worker bald.

The (4) _____ worker. The worker won a case

against the company (5) _____. The judge said

the word bald was sexual harassment and

(6) _____.

The court decided if 'bald' (7) _____ or

harassment. The company (8) _____ not

harassment because women (9) _____. The

court disagreed. It said that saying a man is bald is

(10) _____ talking about parts of

(11) _____. The court said the word bald was

sexist because (12) _____ are men.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BALDNESS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2410/241017-baldness-and-sexism-0.html>

Write five GOOD questions about baldness 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) _____

