

## READING TEXT

The biggest constitutional crisis for almost a century is enveloping the British monarchy. The former Prince Andrew was arrested on suspicion of misconduct in public office, an offence that can carry a sentence of life imprisonment. On Thursday, he was held in custody for nearly 11 hours. UK police are investigating allegations that Andrew shared confidential trade information with the late convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. Andrew was a UK trade envoy between 2001 and 2011. The British government is now considering removing him from the line of succession to the throne. Andrew is currently eighth in line to be the monarch. This can only be changed with new legislation.

In 1936, the former King Edward VIII abdicated. The UK government passed a law to recognize the abdication and to declare that Edward had ceased to be king. A similar law could affect Andrew, who has been mired in controversy regarding his association with Epstein. Subsequent scandals resulted in Andrew being formally stripped of his title of prince last year by his brother King Charles III. This meant Andrew can no longer be called "Prince Andrew", nor can he use his other royal titles. He is now known simply as Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor. He has yet to comment on the allegations of misconduct, but has consistently denied any wrongdoing in his connection with Epstein.

## Reading Comprehension Exercises

### 1. Short-answer Questions

1. Why was Andrew arrested by the UK police?
2. How long was Andrew held in custody on Thursday?
3. What position did Andrew hold between 2001 and 2011?
4. What action is the British government considering regarding Andrew?
5. What name is Andrew known by now?

### 2. Multiple-choice Questions

1. What is the article mainly about?
  - A. A royal wedding in the UK
  - B. A political crisis involving Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor
  - C. The history of the British monarchy
  - D. The life of King Charles III
2. Why are the police investigating Andrew?
  - A. He avoided paying taxes
  - B. He shared confidential trade information
  - C. He stole government money
  - D. He left the country illegally

3. How long was Andrew a UK trade envoy?
  - A. From 1995 to 2000
  - B. From 2001 to 2011
  - C. From 2010 to 2020
  - D. From 2015 to 2023
4. What could remove Andrew from the line of succession?
  - A. A public vote
  - B. A decision by the royal family
  - C. New legislation
  - D. A court order
5. Who removed Andrew's title of prince?
  - A. The British Parliament
  - B. King Charles III
  - C. Queen Elizabeth II
  - D. The Prime Minister

### 3. True / False Statements

1. Andrew was arrested on suspicion of misconduct in public office.
2. Andrew was held in custody for less than one hour.
3. Andrew served as a UK trade envoy between 2001 and 2011.
4. Andrew can still use the title "Prince Andrew".
5. Andrew has denied wrongdoing in his connection with Jeffrey Epstein.

### 4. Gap-Filling Summary

Complete the summary using the missing words.

The article discusses the controversy surrounding **Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor**, formerly known as Prince Andrew. He was arrested on suspicion of (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in public office and was held in custody for nearly (2) \_\_\_\_\_ **hours**. Police are investigating allegations that he shared (3) \_\_\_\_\_ **trade information** with Jeffrey Epstein. Because of the controversy, the British government is considering removing him from the line of (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to the throne. Andrew was also stripped of his royal title by (5) \_\_\_\_\_.