

KING MSWATI III

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

King Mswati III of Swaziland became leader of his country in 1986. His real name is Makhosetive, which means King of Nations. As a young prince, he developed a keen interest in the Royal Guard, the soldiers that protect his kingdom. He became the first Swazi royal to join the Swaziland Defence Force.

His father died of pneumonia in 1982. The royal family chose 14-year-old prince Makhosetive to be the next king. He spent four years training for his new position, while attending an elite school in England. He was crowned King of Swaziland on April 25, 1986, aged 18 years and 6 days. At that time, he was the youngest reigning monarch in the world.

Today, Mswati III is Africa's last absolute monarch. This means he has the power to choose his own government. He can also choose his own wives and currently has thirteen. His first two wives were chosen for him by national councilors, following Swazi customs and traditions. He can only marry his fiancées after they have fallen pregnant, so they can prove they can have children.

The world's media often criticizes the King. He leads a luxurious lifestyle and spends a fortune on luxury cars, while his people live in poverty. His mishandling of the country's HIV/AIDS crisis came under heavy criticism. He wanted those with AIDS sterilized and branded. He also called for a five year ban on sex. He did not follow this, instead marrying five more wives.

247 words
Flesch Kinkaid 7.1

SYNONYM MATCH: Match the words from the article on the left with their synonyms on the right. Are your answers the same as other students'?

Paragraphs 1 and 2

- | | |
|-------------|-----------------|
| 1. leader | a. ruling |
| 2. keen | b. role |
| 3. interest | c. enthusiastic |
| 4. position | d. ruler |
| 5. elite | e. curiosity |
| 6. reigning | f. upper class |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|----------------|--------------------|
| 7. monarch | g. a huge amount |
| 8. currently | h. show to be true |
| 9. prove | i. attacks |
| 10. criticizes | j. king |
| 11. fortune | k. outlaw |
| 12. ban | l. presently |

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. he developed a keen | a. protect his kingdom |
| 2. soldiers that | b. country's HIV/AIDS crisis |
| 3. He spent four years training | c. monarch in the world |
| 4. attending an elite | d. ban on sex |
| 5. he was the youngest reigning | e. for his new position |
| 6. he has the power to choose | f. pregnant |
| 7. they have fallen | g. school in England |
| 8. spends a fortune | h. his own government |
| 9. His mishandling of his | i. interest in the Royal Guard |
| 10. He also called for a five year | j. on luxury cars |

LISTENING GAP FILL:

King Mswati III of Swaziland _____ his country in 1986. His real name is Makhosetive, _____ King of Nations. As a young prince, he developed _____ in the Royal Guard, the soldiers that protect his kingdom. He became the first Swazi _____ the Swaziland Defence Force.

His father died of pneumonia in 1982. The royal family _____ old prince Makhosetive to be the next king. He spent four years _____ new position, while attending _____ in England. He was crowned King of Swaziland on April 25, 1986, aged 18 years and 6 days. At that time, he was the youngest _____ in the world.

Today, Mswati III is Africa's last _____. This means he has the power to choose his own government. He can also choose his own wives _____ thirteen. His first two wives were chosen for him by _____, following Swazi customs and traditions. He can only marry his fiancées after they have _____, so they can prove they can have children.

The world's _____ criticizes the King. He leads a luxurious lifestyle and spends _____ luxury cars, while his people live in poverty. His _____ country's HIV/AIDS crisis came under heavy criticism. He wanted those with AIDS sterilized and branded. He also called for _____ on sex. He did not follow this, instead marrying five more wives.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs in italics.

King Mswati III of Swaziland became *leading / leader* of his country in 1986. His real name is Makhosetive, which means King of Nations. As a young prince, he developed a *keen / keep* interest in the Royal Guard, the soldiers that *protection / protect his kingdom*. He became the first Swazi *royal / royalty* to join the Swaziland Defence Force.

His father died of pneumonia in 1982. The royal family *choice / chose* 14-year-old prince Makhosetive to be the next king. He spent four years training for his new position, *while / when* attending an elite school in England. He *was / has* crowned King of Swaziland on April 25, 1986, aged 18 years and 6 days. At that time, he was the youngest *raining / reigning* monarch in the world.

Today, Mswati III is Africa's *last / lost* absolute monarch. This means he has the power to *choose / choice* his own government. He can also choose his own wives and currently has thirteen. His first two wives were chosen *for / to* him by national councilors, following Swazi customs and traditions. He can only marry his fiancées after they have fallen pregnant, so they can *proof / prove they can* have children.

The world's media *often / soften* criticizes the King. He leads a luxurious lifestyle and spends a *fortune / fortunate* on luxury cars, while his people live in poverty. His mishandling of the country's HIV/AIDS crisis came under *heavy / weigh* criticism. He wanted those with AIDS sterilized and branded. He also called for a five year *banned / ban* on sex. He did not follow this, instead marrying five more wives.

SPELLING:

These jumbled words are from the text. Spell them correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. eelrad of his country
2. he developed a keen intstree in the Royal Guard
3. the soldiers that otrtecp the kingdom
4. the first Swazi rloay to join the Swaziland Defence Force

Paragraph 2

5. The royal family ecsho 14-year-old prince Makhosetive
6. training for his new tioiopns
7. attending an leite school in England
8. the youngest reigning hoamncr in the world

Paragraph 3

9. he has the power to oceohs his own government
10. Swazi cssmtuo and traditions
11. marry his fiancées after they have fallen napenrtg
12. they can vroep they can have children

Paragraph 4

13. The world's mdae often criticizes the King.
14. a fortune on lyruux cars
15. his people live in eovtyrp
16. He also aellcd for a five year ban on sex

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () fallen pregnant, so they can prove they can have children.
- () four years training for his new position, while attending an elite school in England. He was crowned
- () monarch in the world.
- () on sex. He ignored his own call and married five more wives.
- () that protect his kingdom. He became the first Swazi royal to join the Swaziland Defence Force.
- () choose his own wives and currently has thirteen. His first two wives were chosen for him by
- () His father died of pneumonia in 1982. The royal family chose 14-year-old prince Makhosetive to be the next king. He spent
- () criticism. He wanted those with AIDS sterilized and branded. He also called for a five year ban
- () The world's media often criticizes the King. He leads a luxurious lifestyle and spends a fortune on
- () national councilors, following Swazi customs and traditions. He can only marry his fiancées after they have
- () luxury cars, while his people live in poverty. His mishandling of the country's HIV/AIDS crisis came under heavy
- () King of Swaziland on April 25, 1986, aged 18 years and 6 days. At that time, he was the youngest reigning
- () King of Nations. As a young prince, he developed a keen interest in the Royal Guard, the soldiers
- () Today, Mswati III is Africa's last absolute monarch. This means he has the power to choose his own government. He can also
- (**1**) King Mswati III of Swaziland became leader of his country in 1986. His real name is Makhosetive, which means

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With your partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. he in developed the a Royal keen Guard interest

2. the kingdom the protect that soldiers

3. for spent his four new years position training He

4. crowned was He Swaziland of King

5. monarch the the reigning in world youngest

6. monarch III Africa's absolute Mswati is last

7. they prove can children can they have

8. King world's often the The media criticizes

9. in people poverty live his

10. year sex called five on also a ban He for

KING MSWATI III DISCUSSION:

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

1. What do you know about King Mswati III?
2. Would you like to meet King Mswati III?
3. What would you like to know about King Mswati III and why?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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KING MSWATI III DISCUSSION:

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

1. What did you learn from this text about King Mswati III?
2. What questions would you like to ask King Mswati III?
3. What would his answers be to those questions?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

KING MSWATI III SURVEY:

Write five questions about King Mswati III in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

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 more information about King Mswati III. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. KING MSWATI III POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of King Mswati III. Show your poster to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all find out similar things?

4. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about King Mswati III. Include an imaginary interview with him. Write about what he does every day and what he thinks about.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to King Mswati III. Ask him three questions about his life. Give him three suggestions on what he should do in his future. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your "King Mswati III expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

ANSWERS

SYNONYM MATCH:

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| 4. attending an elite | d. school in England |
| 5. he was the youngest reigning | e. monarch in the world |
| 6. he has the power to choose | f. his own government |
| 7. they have fallen | g. pregnant |
| 8. spends a fortune | h. on luxury cars |
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| 10. He also called for a five year | j. ban on sex |

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.