



## Sadiq Khan – The Mayor of London (B2 -Upper Intermediate)

### A – Before you start

Answer the questions with a partner.

1. What responsibilities does a town mayor usually have?
2. Who is the mayor of your town or city?
3. What do you know about him/her?
4. Have you ever met him/her?

### B – Listen and answer

Read these incomplete statements. Then listen (without reading) and fill in the blanks.

1. Sadiq Khan was elected Mayor of London for the \_\_\_\_\_ time in May 2024.
2. He was born in \_\_\_\_\_.
3. His parents came from \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Before becoming mayor, Khan was the Shadow Secretary of State for \_\_\_\_\_.
5. After the Brexit vote in 2016, many \_\_\_\_\_ left London.
6. Khan has had a difficult relationship with the \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_ media.
7. He accused his rival for the mayorship, Susan Hall, of condoning \_\_\_\_\_.
8. His climate action plan includes zero-emission buses and solar panels on \_\_\_\_\_.

### C – Read and answer

Read the article and answer the questions.

1. Which political party does Sadiq Khan belong to?
2. What are the responsibilities of the Mayor of London?
3. Was Sadiq Khan's family background a privileged one? Why (not)?
4. What did he do before entering politics?
5. How did the pandemic affect London?
6. Why have recent Conservative prime ministers been anti-London, according to Khan?
7. How does he propose to help families combat the cost-of-living crisis?
8. What does he intend to do to help London students and international students.

### D – Learn it! Use it!

Complete these sentences with words from the glossary. (You may have to adapt the expression in some way; e.g. change the verb tense, or change from plural to singular.)

1. Joe and his family are homeless. They've applied for a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. China's fishing \_\_\_\_\_ is the largest in the world, with over 500,000 ships.
3. I'm working for a small company now. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ financially, but a lot happier.
4. Vulnerable elderly people are often \_\_\_\_\_ by unscrupulous criminal gangs.
5. I can't invite Amy to my party because I don't have her \_\_\_\_\_ address or phone number.
6. Rosie wants to move to a quiet Outer London \_\_\_\_\_ with a lower crime rate.

## E – Ready for the B2 FIRST Certificate in English? (Reading and Use of English, Part 2)

Read the text and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word for each gap.

Greater London covers an area of 1579 km<sup>2</sup> and consists of thirty-three separate boroughs, fourteen of which make <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ Inner London, and the others Outer London. The Inner London boroughs include the City of London, which is one of the world's <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ important financial centres, and which corresponds geographically to the ancient Roman city from <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ modern London developed, and the City of Westminster, in which the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and Buckingham Palace are <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ of the London boroughs is a local government district with its own elected council and a council leader or mayor. The borough councils provide local services <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ as education, planning permission, waste disposal and collection, <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the Greater London Authority (GLA), consisting of the Mayor of London and the London Assembly, is <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ for the strategic administration of the whole of Greater London, in areas like transport, policing, fire and rescue, development and strategic planning. The GLA is based at City Hall in the London Borough of Newham.

## F – Write about it

Write about the mayor of your own town or the mayor of a major city in your country. Mention:

- which political party he/she belongs to;
  - when he/she was elected;
  - how popular he/she is;
  - what problems he/she has had to face;
  - what you think of his/her performance.
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### B – Listen and answer

1. third
2. South London
3. Pakistan
4. Justice
5. EU citizens
6. right-wing
7. racism
8. school roofs

### C – Read and answer

1. He belongs to the Labour Party.
2. The Mayor of London's responsibilities are setting the budget and directing the entire metropolitan area of London.
3. No, it wasn't. His parents came to the UK as immigrants. His father was a bus-driver and his mother worked as a seamstress.
4. He worked as a human rights lawyer.
5. During the pandemic, more people worked from home and many families moved out of the capital.
6. Because they think it will help them win votes in the Midlands and in the north of England.
7. He wants to make free school dinners permanent in state primary schools and introduce baby banks in London boroughs, where parents can get free essentials for their children.
8. He intends to introduce an Erasmus-style scheme.

### D – Learn it! Use it!

1. council home
2. fleet
3. worse off
4. targeted
5. current
6. borough

### E – Ready for the B2 FIRST Certificate in English?

1. up
2. most
3. which
4. situated/located/found
5. Each
6. such
7. while/whereas
8. responsible