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The story

The Queen is backing a plan for Prince Harry and Meghan to spend more time in Canada while the Royal Family works out their future roles. But Canada's prime minister says 'more talks are needed over the move' and 'who will pay for their security?'

Vocabulary

shrewd

showing good judgement that leads to an advantage

- I made a shrewd investment and used the profit to buy a car.
- Getting both parties to agree on a ceasefire was a shrewd move.

progressive

modern and encouraging change

- It's a new political party that has very progressive policies.
- At one time mixed-sex schools were considered progressive.

railroaded

forced into doing something

- I was railroaded into signing the contract before I read it properly.
- The first offer was cheap, but I was railroaded into buying the upgrade.

Language challenge

Which body-part verb means 'supports'?

- a) heads
- b) backs
- c) legs
- d) foots

Answer:

b) backs

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