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## Wikileaks boss to run for Senate

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# THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Julian Assange, the man who started Wikileaks, is going to run for election in Australia. Mr Assange is under house arrest at the moment in Britain. He is wanted by the USA and Sweden, where he faces questioning about a possible sexual assault. Assange wants to run against Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard. The Wikileaks website tweeted: "We have discovered that it is possible for Julian Assange to run for the Australian Senate while detained. Julian has decided to run."

Mr Assange said he is not running for a seat in the Senate to make his Wikileaks site more famous. He is angry with the Australian leader for not supporting him. He believes Ms Gillard should have told the USA that he cannot go to court in America. The USA wants to put him in prison because he released hundreds of thousands of private documents on his Wikileaks site. Many of these were top-secret government e-mails and memos. Assange can enter the election even though he does not live in Australia.

# PHRASE MATCH

From: [http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1203/120318-julian\\_assange.html](http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1203/120318-julian_assange.html)

**Match the following phrases from the article.**

## Paragraph 1

- |  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| 1. the man who                           | a. house arrest      |
| 2. Mr Assange is under                   | b. to run            |
| 3. at the                                | c. sexual assault    |
| 4. he faces questioning about a possible | d. started Wikileaks |
| 5. it is possible for Julian Assange     | e. decided to run    |
| 6. Julian has                            | f. moment            |

## Paragraph 2

- |                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. make his Wikileaks site | a. secret                |
| 2. He is angry             | b. not live in Australia |
| 3. go to                   | c. with the Australian   |
| 4. hundreds of             | d. court                 |
| 5. top-                    | e. more famous           |
| 6. even though he does     | f. thousands             |

# LISTENING GAP FILL

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Assange wants to run against Australian Prime Minister Julia  
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Senate \_\_\_\_\_ . Julian has decided to run."

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released hundreds of thousands of private documents on his  
Wikileaks site. Many of these \_\_\_\_\_ government e-  
mails and memos. Assange can enter the election  
\_\_\_\_\_ does not live in Australia.

# MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Julian Assange, the man (1) \_\_\_\_\_ started Wikileaks, is going to run for election in Australia. Mr Assange is (2) \_\_\_\_\_ house arrest at the moment in Britain. He is wanted by the USA and Sweden, where he (3) \_\_\_\_\_ questioning about a possible sexual assault. Assange wants to run (4) \_\_\_\_\_ Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard. The Wikileaks website tweeted: "We have discovered that it is (5) \_\_\_\_\_ for Julian Assange to run for the Australian Senate while detained. Julian has (6) \_\_\_\_\_ to run."

Mr Assange said he is not (7) \_\_\_\_\_ for a seat in the Senate to make his Wikileaks site more famous. He is angry (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the Australian leader for not supporting him. He believes Ms Gillard should have told the USA that he cannot go to (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in America. The USA wants to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ him in prison because he released hundreds of thousands of private documents on his Wikileaks site. Many of these were (11) \_\_\_\_\_-secret government e-mails and memos. Assange can enter the election even (12) \_\_\_\_\_ he does not live in Australia.

## Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- |     |                 |              |                   |
|-----|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 1.  | (a) whom        | (b) whoever  | (c) who           |
| 2.  | (a) under       | (b) over     | (c) through       |
| 3.  | (a) heads       | (b) faces    | (c) noses         |
| 4.  | (a) back        | (b) by       | (c) against       |
| 5.  | (a) possibility | (b) possible | (c) possibilities |
| 6.  | (a) decided     | (b) decision | (c) decides       |
| 7.  | (a) running     | (b) jogging  | (c) sprinting     |
| 8.  | (a) by          | (b) of       | (c) with          |
| 9.  | (a) court       | (b) field    | (c) pitch         |
| 10. | (a) take        | (b) give     | (c) put           |
| 11. | (a) high        | (b) top      | (c) up            |
| 12. | (a) through     | (b) though   | (c) thought       |

# SPELLING

From: [http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1203/120318-julian\\_assange.html](http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1203/120318-julian_assange.html)

**Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.**

## Paragraph 1

1. the man who sarttde Wikileaks
2. run for enoeilct
3. under seuoh arrest
4. at the emnmto
5. run gstiaan the Australian Prime Minister
6. Julian has eeiddcd to run

## Paragraph 2

7. more ufsoam
8. not sprugontp him
9. go to crout in America
10. thousands of rpveait documents
11. top-certse
12. even uhgtho he does not live in Australia

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From: [http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1203/120318-julian\\_assange.html](http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1203/120318-julian_assange.html)

## Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) famous. He is angry with the Australian leader for not supporting
- ( ) Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard. The Wikileaks website tweeted: "We have
- ( ) Mr Assange said he is not running for a seat in the Senate to make his Wikileaks site more
- ( ) house arrest at the moment in Britain. He is wanted by the USA and Sweden, where he faces
- ( ) discovered that it is possible for Julian Assange to run for the
- ( **1** ) Julian Assange, the man who started Wikileaks, is going to run for election in Australia. Mr Assange is under
- ( ) in America. The USA wants to put him in prison because he released hundreds of thousands
- ( ) questioning about a possible sexual assault. Assange wants to run against
- ( ) of private documents on his Wikileaks site. Many of these were top-secret government e-mails
- ( ) and memos. Assange can enter the election even though he does not live in Australia.
- ( ) him. He believes Ms Gillard should have told the USA that he cannot go to court
- ( ) Australian Senate while detained. Julian has decided to run."

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**With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.**

1. who man The Wikileaks started.

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2. under moment house arrest Assange at is the.

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3. faces sexual questioning assault about a He possible.

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4. have We possible is it that discovered.

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5. for Run detained while Senate Australian the.

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6. leader Australian the with angry is He.

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7. him USA in wants prison to put The.

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8. hundreds documents of thousands He of released private.

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9. e-mails government top-secret were these of Many.

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10. Australia does not Even live though in he.

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_



# 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. WIKILEAKS:** Search the Internet and find more information about Wikileaks. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about Wikileaks. Include an imaginary interview with Julian Assange. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**5. LETTER:** Write a letter to a Wikileaks expert. Ask him/her three questions about Wikileaks. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.