

What's happening in the news?



Let's have a look at the poster

Boris Johnson Resignation Special



**Are there times when
giving up is the right
thing to do?**



Let's look at the story



UK Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, has announced he is quitting as leader of the Conservative Party after a difficult time in office. More than 50 ministers had resigned by Thursday morning, ahead of Mr Johnson's resignation speech outside 10 Downing Street.

Boris Johnson has promised that the public's interests will be his priority, and that government would carry on until a new prime minister is chosen.



Learn more about this story [here](#).

Watch the useful video [here](#).



Look at the resource below, which shares some information about the story.

Why has Boris Johnson resigned?

Following an unsettled few months, two of Boris Johnson's more senior ministers quit their jobs in protest on Tuesday evening, leading to many more resignations from other Conservative MPs in prominent positions. By quitting their jobs, they are telling the public that they no longer support the Prime Minister or his actions.

Mr Johnson officially announced his resignation on Thursday afternoon. In his resignation speech, he thanked the British public for giving him the opportunity to serve as Prime Minister, calling it the "best job in the world".

What do others think?

I am sad to see Boris Johnson stand down as Prime Minister. He has achieved a huge amount in office, including delivering Brexit, supporting the country through COVID, and leading the international response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Alister Jack,
Scotland Minister

It is good news for the country that Boris Johnson has resigned as Prime Minister. But it should have happened long ago.

Keir Starmer, Leader of
the Labour Party

Pictured below: Crowds outside Downing Street waiting for Boris Johnson's speech.





Main question

Are there times when giving up is the right thing to do?

 **Listen**  **Think**  **Share**

- > Look at the poster image and talk about what you can see. Read through the news story. Were you aware of the news that the Prime Minister has resigned?
- > Read the information found on the resource and watch the useful video, which explores the current situation further.
- > Two of Boris Johnson's more senior ministers quit their jobs in protest on Tuesday evening, leading to many more resignations from other MPs in prominent positions. What message do you think quitting your job because you don't support your leaders sends? Talk about how the MPs may have felt leaving their jobs.
- > Talk about how you think Mr Johnson feels now he has made this decision?
- > In his resignation speech, he thanked the British public for giving him the opportunity to serve as Prime Minister, calling it the "best job in the world". Do you think it was an easy decision for him to make?
- > In terms of what happens next, Mr Johnson has said he would like to remain in power until the autumn, before handing over to a new Conservative leader. This new leader will be elected by the members of the party after an election process. However it's far from certain that his wish will be granted, as many of his own team are calling for him to leave as soon as possible. Do you think he should stay on until a replacement has been found?

Useful Weblinks

- > News story:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-62076257>
- > Useful video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5mYDyxMDwaw>