

## At the Court

A count, a duke, an earl, and a knight were discussing the nation's problems with the king. Their names were Royal, Silverton, Towman, Uppercrust, and Vincent. Read the clues to find each man's title.

1. "The peasants are very troublesome," Royal said.
2. "Yes," Towman agreed, "but we might be, too, if we were as poor as they."
3. "You're both wrong, of course," said the king. "I don't find them to be troublesome at all."
4. "Oh, I didn't mean that they cause trouble," the duke corrected himself. The man who had agreed with him nodded.
5. "Aha! Fence-straddling as usual," the knight thought. "Let's see them get out of this one."
6. Vincent, trying to prevent an argument, said, "Your Highness, I think that Royal and the count meant that the poverty of the peasants distresses them, not that the peasants try to cause trouble."
7. Disappointed, but not wanting to seem to be disagreeable, Uppercrust said, "Yes, I'm sure that's what they meant, Your Highness."

|        | Royal | Silverton | Towman | Uppercrust | Vincent |
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| count  |       |           |        |            |         |
| duke   |       |           |        |            |         |
| earl   |       |           |        |            |         |
| knight |       |           |        |            |         |
| king   |       |           |        |            |         |

# Answers

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| NAME       | TITLE  |
|------------|--------|
| Royal      | duke   |
| Silverton  | king   |
| Towman     | count  |
| Uppercrust | knight |
| Vincent    | earl   |

Royal and Towman are the duke and the count (1, 2, 4, 6). Royal is not the count (6), so Towman is, and so Royal is the duke. The king is not Uppercrust (7) or Vincent (6), so he is Silverton. Th