

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
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. The knight is willing to let Royal and Towman get out of trouble by themselves (5), but Vincent isn't (6), so Vincent isn't the knight. Then Vincent is the earl, and Uppercrust is the knight.