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## News Review

### President defies a nation

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#### **BBC World Service report**

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#### **The story**

Zimbabwe's ruling party says it will begin impeachment proceedings today against President Robert Mugabe.

The 93-year-old leader has defied demands from his party ZANU-PF to resign, and has insisted that a regular cabinet meeting will take place later.

#### **Vocabulary**

##### **an ultimatum**

a threat of punishment if someone does not do something

##### **ebbing away**

becoming weaker

##### **buying it**

believing it

#### **Language challenge**

Zimbabwean president Mugabe has defied demands for him to resign. Mugabe is a president, but which word would we use for kings or queens?

- a) abdicate
- b) advocate
- c) placate
- d) defecate

**Answer**

a) abdicate