

William Hague

Quotes

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Giving, Decision, Law, Political, Hard Work, World, Views, Long, Piano, Way,
Shadow, Common Sense*

Britain does not normally these days play a huge part in peacekeeping.

~William Hague

Ambition is best tempered with self-knowledge!

~William Hague

Iran's continued, widespread persecution of ethnic minorities, human rights defenders and political prisoners is a disgrace and stands as a shameful indictment of Iran's leaders.

~William Hague

Obviously a Conservative government will always leave taxes lower than they have been under Labour. Those things go with the territory of the Conservative Party.

~William Hague

Let's not be afraid to speak the common sense truth: you can't have high standards without good discipline.

~William Hague

There's only one growth strategy: work hard.

~William Hague

We have to face the reality of climate change. It is arguably the biggest threat we are facing today.

~William Hague

Where defining foreign policy as 'ethical' went wrong was that it implied that all decisions would be exclusive in every respect of any dealings with unethical regimes.

~William Hague

I'm not, nor is anybody I know in government part of a nasty right wing clique.

~William Hague

I know people are fickle.

~William Hague

Egypt is a sovereign nation.

~William Hague

The EU should be concentrated on adapting to globalisation and global competitiveness, not building more powerful centralised institutions in Brussels.

~William Hague

If some of the people who write about mojo came with me for a week, they would drop dead on their feet.

~William Hague

I described the euro as a burning building with no exits and so it has proved for some of the countries in it.

~William Hague

Unless there is meaningful change in Syria and an end to the crackdown, President Assad and those around him will find themselves isolated internationally and discredited within Syria.

~William Hague

Syria should not belong to one family, to one coterie, or to one party. It belongs to all the people of Syria equally, in all their religious and ethnic diversity.

~William Hague

I believe we should reframe our response to climate change as an imperative for growth rather than merely being a way of being green or meeting environmental commitments.

~William Hague

We're not getting involved in terms of sending ground forces into Libya. Let's be clear about that. And indeed the UN Resolution forbids that. It says no foreign occupation of any part of Libya.

~William Hague

I have always thought that foreign-policy idealism has to be tempered with realism.

~William Hague

Wouldn't it be better to have a watertight law designed to catch the guilty, rather than a press release law designed to catch the headlines?

~William Hague

As far as I'm aware, everybody in the shadow cabinet accepts that there's a compelling case on climate change and a strong scientific case.

~William Hague

I think Britain would be alright, if only we had a different Government.

~William Hague

People feel that the EU is a one-way process, a great machine that sucks up decision-making from national parliaments to the European level until everything is decided at that level.

~William Hague

You can gain in your effectiveness as a politician from a wide acquaintance with the world and from a degree of independence that having some outside interests gives.

~William Hague

I have found that I get a better reaction from people once I am less bothered about their reaction.

~William Hague

It's not too late to stop the Lisbon Treaty.

~William Hague

Turning away Turkey from the EU would be a great, long-term - a century-long - error by Europe.

~William Hague

Whatever happens in Mogadishu, in Somalia, will happen in Great Britain. We have interlocking interests.

~William Hague

At a time of such hope and optimism in the Middle East, we cannot let the Libyan government violate every principle of international law and human rights with impunity.

~William Hague

Yes, I've never inherited a penny!

~William Hague

Those who back the Syrian regime from now on will find themselves in an even more isolated and indefensible minority.

~William Hague

There is no budget for travel for a Shadow Foreign Secretary.

~William Hague

Spending only what the country can afford, rewarding savings, encouraging independence, supporting marriage: people know that these things are common sense.

~William Hague

I gave up lots of things I love doing: writing, and business, and playing the piano and so on.

~William Hague

It was inevitable the Titanic was going to set sail, but that doesn't mean it was a good idea to be on it.

~William Hague

We are making progress militarily, there is no doubt about that. You've seen the reports from Misrata, although reports of the Gaddafi forces completely pulling out of Misrata seem to be exaggerated.

~William Hague

It makes life very simple actually. You could be giving a TV interview in howling gale and it no longer matters.

~William Hague

I don't deny that there are problems in the intelligence world, but I would argue that in the UK we try to uphold the highest standards in the world.

~William Hague

I don't think a wise thing at this moment is for Israel to launch a military attack on Iran.

~William Hague

I still agree with the invasion of Iraq. I don't agree with most of the decisions that accompanied it.

~William Hague

I've always been opposed myself to prisoners having the vote.

~William Hague

It's necessary for Israelis and Palestinians to make the compromises

that are required to get the direct talks back on track.

~William Hague

People feel that in too many ways the EU is something that is done to them, not something over which they have a say.

~William Hague

Remember the No campaign is Conservative people, Labour people, people of no party.

~William Hague

Elected presidents are for countries.

~William Hague

You do have to do business with and to try to influence people you don't agree with, or find disagreeable, so it's important to stress that balance.

~William Hague

I don't think my principles change. I think the way in which you apply those principles to modern society changes.

~William Hague

A generation of children has been betrayed.

~William Hague

Someone once claimed I was not really a Yorkshireman!

~William Hague

The EU is not a country and it's not going to become a country, in my view, now or ever in the future. It is a group of countries working together.

~William Hague

The low carbon economy is at the leading edge of a structural shift now taking place globally...

~William Hague

You can see over time whether people are prepared to differ or not.

~William Hague

When you reduce taxes on higher earners it's vital to be reducing them on lower earning people as well so the nation shares in the approach.

~William Hague

To the hard-working people who set a little bit aside each month, to provide for their children, or to fund their own retirement, I say: you should be rewarded not punished.

~William Hague

We hope that the long darkness through which the Burmese people have lived may now be coming to an end.

~William Hague

Gordon Brown promised to abolish boom and bust. He has kept half his promise.

~William Hague

It is the mission of the next Conservative Government to build the Responsible Society.

~William Hague

The British retreat is over and now the advance will begin.

~William Hague

On the question of taking credit for what goes right and blame for what goes wrong - having led the Conservative party for four years, I have never heard of this notion before.

~William Hague

One day I will go back to my books and piano, but not yet.

~William Hague

Not all politicians are bonkers, but most of them are.

~William Hague

It's really necessary for the United States to continue to give strong leadership to the Middle East peace process, supported by European countries at the same time.

~William Hague

It is not my policy to hit voters during the election.

~William Hague

The people of Britain want a Home Secretary who will give them back their streets. They want a Home Secretary who will speak up for the victim, not the criminal.

~William Hague

For the security of the UK, it matters a lot for Somalia to become a more stable place.

~William Hague

Labour have been listening for too long to the so-called experts who think that competition is a dirty word and that communicating facts to our children is elitist.

~William Hague

In my view what you can't argue for is a system that is neither decisive nor proportional and can be indecisive and disproportionate at the same time.

~William Hague

Today further EU targeted sanctions on Syria come into force. The message is clear and unambiguous: those responsible for the repression will be singled out and held accountable.

~William Hague

If there's one thing above all that sets me apart from Tony Blair, it's this: I'm not embarrassed to articulate the instincts of the British people.

~William Hague

To the teacher weighed down with paperwork, I say: you've been messed around too often. You came into teaching to spend your time teaching children not filling in forms.

~William Hague

Very few conflicts in the history of the world have been satisfactorily concluded according to a published timetable, because you lose all flexibility in dealing with your opponents.

~William Hague

The total economy of Latin America is bigger than China.

~William Hague

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