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## Level 6

### U.K. votes to leave European Union

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# THE ARTICLE

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The magnitude of the result was summed up by Rob Ford, professor of politics at Manchester University, who said: "This is the biggest shock to European politics since the fall of the Berlin Wall." The vote has already prompted Britain's leader David Cameron to resign. He led the campaign to stay part of the EU and will step down in October. He said the country needed "fresh leadership". Less certain is the plight of the 3.3 million non-British EU citizens living in Britain, and the 1.3 million Britons living in other EU countries. Others may follow the UK's lead in exiting the EU. Representatives from Holland's Dutch Freedom Party and France's National Front Party said: "Now it is our turn."

\* Correction: 51.8% of those who voted in the referendum.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. THE UNITED KINGDOM:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about the United Kingdom. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

United Kingdom / voted / earthquake / currency / decision / right wing / the EU / magnitude / Berlin Wall / leader / campaign / leadership / plight / citizens / our turn

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. OUT:** Students A **strongly** believe it is better for the UK to be out of the EU; Students B **strongly** disagree. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. THE FUTURE:** What might happen to these things / people in the UK in the future? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good things	Bad things
The pound		
The Premier League		
Jobs		
Overseas investment		
UK expats in Europe		
EU citizens in the UK		

**5. UNION:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "union". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. THE UK:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best things about the UK at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- the people
- the food
- the royal family
- humour
- music
- history
- fashion
- weather

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160626-united-kingdom.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. Nearly 60% of people in the UK voted to leave the EU. **T / F**
- b. The pound fell to levels against the dollar not seen since 1958. **T / F**
- c. All four countries in the UK voted to leave the EU. **T / F**
- d. Right-wing politicians in Europe congratulated the UK on its decision. **T / F**
- e. A professor said the fall of the Berlin Wall was a bigger shock. **T / F**
- f. Britain's leader will no longer be his country's leader in November. **T / F**
- g. There are 3.3 million Britons living in other EU countries. **T / F**
- h. Some Dutch and French politicians want their countries to leave the EU. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1. earthquake    | a. marriage    |
| 2. desire        | b. considering |
| 3. immediately   | c. resign      |
| 4. contemplating | d. wish        |
| 5. union         | e. importance  |
| 6. magnitude     | f. chance      |
| 7. prompted      | g. instantly   |
| 8. step down     | h. example     |
| 9. lead          | i. caused      |
| 10. turn         | j. shock       |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| 1. expressed their desire                       | a. breaking from the UK        |
| 2. caused political                             | b. the 3.3 million             |
| 3. contemplating                                | c. has failed                  |
| 4. Right-                                       | d. of the result               |
| 5. The European Union as a political union      | e. upheaval                    |
| 6. The magnitude                                | f. the fall of the Berlin Wall |
| 7. the biggest shock to European politics since | g. to exit the EU              |
| 8. step   | h. wing politicians            |
| 9. the plight of                                | i. follow the UK's lead        |
| 10. Others may                                  | j. down in October             |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160626-united-kingdom.html>

The United Kingdom has voted to leave the European Union in what is being seen as a (1) \_\_\_\_\_ earthquake. Just over 52 per cent of Britons expressed their (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to exit the EU in a referendum on Thursday. Currency (3) \_\_\_\_\_ were immediately affected as the British pound fell to its lowest level against the dollar since 1985. Britain's (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to leave has caused political upheaval. Scotland and Northern Ireland voted to stay in the EU and so politicians in both countries are now (5) \_\_\_\_\_ breaking from the UK. Right-(6) \_\_\_\_\_ politicians in Europe congratulated the UK for leaving. One said: "It is Great Britain's (7) \_\_\_\_\_ day. The people were asked, and they decided. The European Union as a political (8) \_\_\_\_\_ has failed."

*decision*  
*desire*  
*independence*  
*contemplating*  
*union*  
*political*  
*markets*  
*wing*

The (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of the result was summed up by Rob Ford, professor of politics at Manchester University, who said: "This is the biggest (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to European politics since the fall of the Berlin Wall." The vote has already (11) \_\_\_\_\_ Britain's leader David Cameron to resign. He led the campaign to stay part of the EU and will (12) \_\_\_\_\_ down in October. He said the country needed "(13) \_\_\_\_\_ leadership". Less certain is the plight of the 3.3 million non-British EU (14) \_\_\_\_\_ living in Britain, and the 1.3 million Britons living in other EU countries. Others may follow the UK's (15) \_\_\_\_\_ in exiting the EU. Representatives from Holland's Dutch Freedom Party and France's National Front Party said: "Now it is our (16) \_\_\_\_\_."

*citizens*  
*magnitude*  
*prompted*  
*turn*  
*shock*  
*lead*  
*fresh*  
*step*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Just over 52 per cent of Britons expressed their desire to exit the EU \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. inner referendum
  - b. in a referenda
  - c. inner referenda
  - d. in a referendum
- 2) Britain's decision to leave has caused \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. political up heave all
  - b. political up he vole
  - c. political upheaval
  - d. political up heavy awl
- 3) so politicians in both countries are now \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. contemplating breaking in
  - b. contemplating breaking
  - c. contemplating break in
  - d. contemplating breaks in
- 4) It is Great Britain's independence day. The people were asked, and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. they decided
  - b. they decisive
  - c. they deciding
  - d. they decision
- 5) The European Union as a political \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. unions has failed
  - b. union have fails
  - c. union has failed
  - d. union has fails
- 6) This is the biggest shock to European politics since the fall \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. of the Burning Wall
  - b. of the Bergen Wall
  - c. of the Berlin Wall
  - d. of the Building Wall
- 7) The vote has already prompted Britain's leader David Cameron \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to re-sign
  - b. to resign
  - c. to design
  - d. to resigns
- 8) He led the campaign to stay part of the EU and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. will step down
  - b. will step up
  - c. will step in
  - d. will step on
- 9) Less certain is the plight of the 3.3 million non-\_\_\_\_\_
  - a. British EU citizenry
  - b. British EU citizenship
  - c. British EU citizens
  - d. British EU citizen
- 10) Holland's Dutch Freedom Party and France's National Front Party said: "\_\_\_\_\_."
  - a. Now it is our tern
  - b. Now it is our torn
  - c. Now it is our turn
  - d. Now it is our tarn

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160626-united-kingdom.html>

The United Kingdom has voted to leave the European Union (1) \_\_\_\_\_ seen as a political earthquake. Just over 52 per cent of Britons expressed their desire to exit the EU (2) \_\_\_\_\_ on Thursday. Currency markets were immediately affected as the British pound (3) \_\_\_\_\_ level against the dollar since 1985. Britain's decision to leave has caused (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Scotland and Northern Ireland voted to stay in the EU and so politicians in both countries are (5) \_\_\_\_\_ breaking from the UK. Right-wing politicians in Europe congratulated the UK for leaving. One said: "It is Great Britain's independence day. The people were asked, and they decided. The European Union as a political (6) \_\_\_\_\_."

The magnitude of the result was (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Rob Ford, professor of politics at Manchester University, who said: "This is the biggest shock to European politics (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the Berlin Wall." The vote has already prompted Britain's leader David Cameron to resign. He led the campaign to (9) \_\_\_\_\_ EU and will step down in October. He said the country needed "(10) \_\_\_\_\_". Less certain is the plight of the 3.3 million non-British EU citizens living in Britain, and the 1.3 million Britons living in other EU countries. Others may follow (11) \_\_\_\_\_ exiting the EU. Representatives from Holland's Dutch Freedom Party and France's National Front Party said: "(12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160626-united-kingdom.html>

1. What did the article say the UK's decision to leave the EU was seen as?
2. What percentage of Britons voted to exit the UK?
3. When was the last time the UK pound was as low against the dollar?
4. What are Scotland and Northern Ireland thinking about doing?
5. What did a right-wing European politician say had failed?
6. Who is Bob Ford?
7. What did Bob Ford liken the UK exit to?
8. When will David Cameron step down as Britain's leader?
9. How many non-British UK citizens live in the UK?
10. How many UK citizens live outside the UK in EU countries?



# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160626-united-kingdom.html>

- 1) What did the article say the UK's decision to leave the EU was seen as?
  - a) a referendum
  - b) a political earthquake
  - c) desire
  - d) the European Union
- 2) What percentage of Britons voted to exit the UK?
  - a) just under 52%
  - b) exactly 52%
  - c) around 52%
  - d) just over 52%
- 3) When was the last time the UK pound was as low against the dollar?
  - a) 2005
  - b) 1927
  - c) 1985
  - d) 1958
- 4) What are Scotland and Northern Ireland thinking about doing?
  - a) leaving the UK
  - b) joining together as one country
  - c) applying to join the USA
  - d) having another referendum
- 5) What did a right-wing European politician say had failed?
  - a) the UK
  - b) the EU
  - c) democracy
  - d) the left wing
- 6) Who is Bob Ford?
  - a) a professor
  - b) a campaign leader
  - c) head of the EU
  - d) a Manchester United footballer
- 7) What did Bob Ford liken the UK exit to?
  - a) European politics
  - b) Manchester University
  - c) the fall of the Berlin Wall
  - d) failure
- 8) When will David Cameron step down as Britain's leader?
  - a) October
  - b) tomorrow
  - c) next month
  - d) with immediate effect
- 9) How many non-British UK citizens live in the UK?
  - a) 2.3 million
  - b) 1.3 million
  - c) 2.3 million
  - d) 3.3 million
- 10) How many UK citizens live outside the UK in EU countries?
  - a) 1.2 million
  - b) 1.1 million
  - c) 1.3 million
  - d) 1.4 million

# ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160626-united-kingdom.html>

## **Role A – The people**

You think the people are the best thing about the UK. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as good. Also, tell the others which of these really needs to be improved (and why): the food, music or the weather.

## **Role B – The food**

You think the food is the best thing about the UK. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as good. Also, tell the others which of these really needs to be improved (and why): the people, music or the weather.

## **Role C – Music**

You think music is the best thing about the UK. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as good. Also, tell the others which of these really needs to be improved (and why): the food, the people or the weather.

## **Role D – The weather**

You think the weather is the best thing about the UK. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as good. Also, tell the others which of these really needs to be improved (and why): the food, music or the people.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160626-united-kingdom.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'united' and 'kingdom'.

<b>united</b>	<b>kingdom</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• seen</li><li>• desire</li><li>• immediately</li><li>• caused</li><li>• right</li><li>• day</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• summed</li><li>• shock</li><li>• part</li><li>• plight</li><li>• lead</li><li>• turn</li></ul>
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# THE UNITED KINGDOM SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160626-united-kingdom.html>

Write five GOOD questions about the United Kingdom in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# THE UNITED KINGDOM DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What springs to mind when you hear the word 'independence'?
3. What do you think about what you read?
4. How do you feel about Britain leaving the EU?
5. Why did many Britons want to stay in the EU?
6. What are the good things about being a member of the EU?
7. What do you think of the idea of the UK breaking up?
8. What do you think of the European Union?
9. Is the politician who said the EU has failed right?
10. What will happen to the UK from now?

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# THE UNITED KINGDOM DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What is the magnitude of the UK exiting the EU?
13. Is it the biggest shock in Europe since the fall of the Berlin Wall?
14. Why did many Britons want to leave the EU?
15. What will happen to Britons living in Europe?
16. How 'great' is Britain?
17. What are the biggest reasons the Leave campaign in the UK won?
18. What good and bad things might be ahead for the UK?
19. What will happen if other countries leave the EU?
20. What questions would you like to ask Britain's pro-leave leaders?

# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |                   |               |                |                   |
|-----|-------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 1.  | (a) been          | (b) being     | (c) begin      | (d) beginning     |
| 2.  | (a) destiny       | (b) desire    | (c) desist     | (d) design        |
| 3.  | (a) mediated      | (b) immediate | (c) immediacy  | (d) immediately   |
| 4.  | (a) retrieval     | (b) upheaval  | (c) medieval   | (d) convivial     |
| 5.  | (a) commiserating | (b) cementing | (c) commenting | (d) contemplating |
| 6.  | (a) failure       | (b) epic fail | (c) failed     | (d) failing       |
| 7.  | (a) magnitude     | (b) magnum    | (c) magma      | (d) magenta       |
| 8.  | (a) down          | (b) over      | (c) up         | (d) on            |
| 9.  | (a) proctored     | (b) promoted  | (c) preempted  | (d) prompted      |
| 10. | (a) step          | (b) walk      | (c) hop        | (d) stair         |
| 11. | (a) plight        | (b) flight    | (c) blight     | (d) slight        |
| 12. | (a) turn          | (b) twist     | (c) curve      | (d) spin          |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. a political uerhqktaae
2. Britons epdsxesre their desire to exit
3. in a refenuermd
4. yrncucer markets were immediately affected
5. caused political upaelahv
6. ndencneedpi day

## Paragraph 2

7. The gtheadmniu of the result
8. ppmrdtoe Britain's leader
9. He led the pcgmaani to stay
10. the tpgilh of the 3.3 million
11. EU etinzsic living in Britain
12. teesisetvarnper from Holland's Dutch Freedom Party



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160626-united-kingdom.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) voted to stay in the EU and so politicians in both countries are now contemplating breaking from the UK. Right-
- ( **1** ) The United Kingdom has voted to leave the European Union in what is being seen as a political earthquake. Just
- ( ) of the 3.3 million non-British EU citizens living in Britain, and the 1.3 million Britons
- ( ) "This is the biggest shock to European politics since the fall of the Berlin Wall." The vote has already prompted Britain's
- ( ) wing politicians in Europe congratulated the UK for leaving. One said: "It is Great Britain's
- ( ) down in October. He said the country needed "fresh leadership". Less certain is the plight
- ( ) over 52 per cent of Britons expressed their desire to exit the EU in a referendum on Thursday. Currency
- ( ) independence day. The people were asked, and they decided. The European Union as a political union has failed."
- ( ) against the dollar since 1985. Britain's decision to leave has caused political upheaval. Scotland and Northern Ireland
- ( ) The magnitude of the result was summed up by Rob Ford, professor of politics at Manchester University, who said:
- ( ) markets were immediately affected as the British pound fell to its lowest level
- ( ) from Holland's Dutch Freedom Party and France's National Front Party said: "Now it is our turn."
- ( ) leader David Cameron to resign. He led the campaign to stay part of the EU and will step
- ( ) living in other EU countries. Others may follow the UK's lead in exiting the EU. Representatives

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160626-united-kingdom.html>

1. its the The lowest against fell pound level British dollar to .
2. to decision Britain's upheaval political caused has leave .
3. the breaking now countries UK from contemplating are Both .
4. people The decided they and , asked were .
5. union Union has as failed a The political European .
6. the summed Rob of was by magnitude result up The .
7. shock biggest the is This politics European to .
8. led to of He campaign part EU the stay the .
9. plight EU non of citizens - 3.3 the The British million .
10. may UK's exiting Others the in EU follow lead the .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160626-united-kingdom.html>

The United Kingdom has voted to leave the European Union in what is *been / being* seen as a *political / politically* earthquake. Just over 52 per cent of Britons expressed their *desire / distaste* to exit the EU in a referendum on Thursday. Currency markets were immediately *affected / effected* as the British pound fell to its lowest level against the dollar since 1985. Britain's decision to leave has caused *politician / political* upheaval. Scotland and Northern Ireland voted to stay in the EU and *such / so* politicians in both countries are now *contemptuously / contemplating* breaking from the UK. *Right-wing / Right-wings* politicians in Europe *congratulated / congregated* the UK for leaving. One said: "It is Great Britain's independence day. The people were asked, and they decided. The European Union *as / is* a political union has failed."

The magnitude of the result was summed *down / up* by Rob Ford, professor of politics at Manchester University, who said: "This is the biggest *shocking / shock* to European politics since the *fall / drop* of the Berlin Wall." The vote has already *promoted / prompted* Britain's leader David Cameron to resign. He *led / lid* the campaign to stay part of the EU and will *step / walk* down in October. He said the country needed "fresh leadership". *Less / Few* certain is the *plight / blight* of the 3.3 million non-British EU citizens living in Britain, and the 1.3 million Britons living in other EU countries. Others may follow the UK's lead in *exciting / exiting* the EU. Representatives from Holland's Dutch Freedom Party and France's National Front Party said: "Now it is our *twist / turn*."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th\_ \_n\_t\_d K\_ngd\_m h\_s v\_t\_d t\_ l\_\_v\_ th\_ \_\_r\_p\_\_n  
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\_\_rthq\_\_k\_. J\_st \_v\_r 52 p\_r\_c\_nt \_f Br\_t\_ns \_xpr\_ss\_d  
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br\_\_k\_ng fr\_m th\_ \_K. R\_gh\_t-w\_ng p\_l\_t\_c\_\_ns \_n  
\_\_r\_p\_ c\_ngr\_t\_l\_t\_d th\_ \_K f\_r l\_\_v\_ng. \_n\_s\_\_d:  
"t\_s Gr\_\_t Br\_t\_\_n's \_\_nd p\_nd\_nc\_d\_y. Th\_ p\_\_pl\_  
w\_r\_\_sk\_d, \_\_nd th\_y d\_c\_d\_d. Th\_ \_\_r\_p\_\_n \_\_n\_\_s  
\_p\_l\_t\_c\_l \_n\_\_n h\_s f\_\_l\_d."

Th\_ m\_gn\_t\_d \_\_f th\_ r\_s\_l\_t w\_s s\_\_mm\_d \_\_p by R\_b  
F\_rd, pr\_f\_ss\_r \_\_f p\_l\_t\_cs \_\_t M\_nch\_st\_r\_n\_v\_rs\_ty,  
wh\_ s\_\_d: "Th\_s \_\_s th\_ b\_gg\_st sh\_ck t\_ \_\_r\_p\_\_n  
p\_l\_t\_cs s\_nc\_ th\_ f\_ll \_\_f th\_ B\_rl\_n W\_ll." Th\_ v\_t\_  
h\_s \_lr\_\_dy pr\_mpt\_d Br\_t\_\_n's l\_\_d\_r D\_v\_d C\_m\_r\_n  
t\_r\_s\_gn. H\_l\_d th\_ c\_\_mp\_\_gn\_t st\_y p\_r\_t \_\_f th\_ \_\_  
\_\_nd w\_ll st\_p\_d\_wn \_\_n \_\_ct\_b\_r. H\_ s\_\_d th\_ c\_\_ntry  
n\_\_d\_d "fr\_sh l\_\_d\_rsh\_p". L\_ss c\_r\_t\_\_n \_s th\_ pl\_gh\_t  
\_\_f th\_ 3.3 m\_ll\_\_n \_\_n\_\_n-Br\_t\_sh \_\_c\_t\_z\_ns l\_v\_ng \_\_n  
Br\_t\_\_n, \_\_nd th\_ 1.3 m\_ll\_\_n Br\_t\_ns l\_v\_ng \_\_n \_\_th\_r  
\_\_c\_\_ntr\_\_s. \_\_th\_rs m\_y f\_ll\_w th\_ \_K's l\_\_d \_\_n  
\_\_x\_t\_ng th\_ \_\_. R\_pr\_s\_nt\_t\_v\_s fr\_m H\_ll\_nd's D\_tch  
Fr\_\_d\_m P\_rty \_\_nd Fr\_nc\_'s N\_t\_\_n\_l Fr\_nt P\_rty s\_\_d:  
"N\_w\_t\_s \_\_r\_t\_rn."

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the united kingdom has voted to leave the european union in what is being seen as a political earthquake just over 52 per cent of britons expressed their desire to exit the eu in a referendum on thursday currency markets were immediately affected as the british pound fell to its lowest level against the dollar since 1985 britain's decision to leave has caused political upheaval scotland and northern ireland voted to stay in the eu and so politicians in both countries are now contemplating breaking from the uk right-wing politicians in europe congratulated the uk for leaving one said "it is great britain's independence day the people were asked and they decided the european union as a political union has failed"

the magnitude of the result was summed up by rob ford professor of politics at manchester university who said "this is the biggest shock to european politics since the fall of the berlin wall" the vote has already prompted britain's leader david cameron to resign he led the campaign to stay part of the eu and will step down in october he said the country needed "fresh leadership" less certain is the plight of the 33 million non-british eu citizens living in britain and the 13 million britons living in other eu countries others may follow the uk's lead in exiting the eu representatives from holland's dutch freedom party and france's national front party said "now it is our turn"

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TheUnitedKingdomhasvotedtoleavetheEuropeanUnioninwhatisbein  
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dtheirdesiretoexittheEUinareferendumonThursday.Currencymarke  
tswereimmediatelyaffectedastheBritishpoundfelltoitslowestlevelag  
ainstthedollarsince1985.Britain'sdecisiontoleavehascausedpolitical  
upheaval.ScotlandandNorthernIrelandvotedtostayintheEUandsopo  
liticiansinbothcountriesarenowcontemplatingbreakingfromtheUK.R  
ight-wingpoliticiansinEuropecongratulatedtheUKforleaving.Ones  
aid:"ItisGreatBritain'sindependenceday.Thepeoplewereasked,andt  
heydecided.TheEuropeanUnionasapoliticalunionhasfailed."Themag  
nitudeoftheresultwassummedupbyRobFord,professorofpoliticsatMa  
nchesterUniversity,whosaid:"ThisisthebiggestshocktoEuropeanpoli  
ticssincethefalloftheBerlinWall."ThevotehasalreadypromptedBritai  
n'sleaderDavidCamerontoresign.Heledthecampaigntostaypartofthe  
EUandwillstepdowninOctober.Hesaidthecountryneeded"freshleade  
rship".Lesscertainistheplightofthe3.3millionnon-BritishEUcit  
izenslivinginBritain,andthe1.3millionBritonslivinginotherEUcountri  
es.OthersmayfollowtheUK'sleadinexitingtheEU.Representativesfro  
mHolland'sDutchFreedomPartyandFrance'sNationalFrontPartysaid:  
"Nowitisourturn."







# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about the United Kingdom leaving the European Union. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. THE EUROPEAN UNION:** Make a poster about the European Union. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. BREXIT:** Write a magazine article about the United Kingdom and its 'Brexit' from the EU. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on the United Kingdom. Ask him/her three questions about its future. Give him/her three of your ideas on what that future will be like. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F    b F    c F    d T    e F    f T    g F    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1. earthquake    | a. shock       |
| 2. desire        | b. wish        |
| 3. immediately   | c. instantly   |
| 4. contemplating | d. considering |
| 5. union         | e. marriage    |
| 6. magnitude     | f. importance  |
| 7. prompted      | g. caused      |
| 8. step down     | h. resign      |
| 9. lead          | i. example     |
| 10. turn         | j. chance      |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. A political earthquake
2. Just over 52%
3. 1985
4. Breaking away from the UK
5. The EU as a political union
6. A politics professor
7. The fall of the Berlin Wall
8. October
9. 3.3 million
10. 1.3 million

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. b    2. d    3. c    4. a    5. b    6. a    7. c    8. a    9. d    10. c

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)