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**Level 2** – 17th November, 2018

## British Prime Minister battles to save Brexit

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181117-brexit-agreement-2.html>

The UK Prime Minister Theresa May is battling to save the Brexit deal with the European Union. It is in danger after the UK Brexit secretary and other senior ministers resigned. They quit because of the "final" deal that Ms May agreed with Europe. They said it was bad for the UK and would not allow the UK to leave the EU. Ms May said her government must choose to leave the EU with no deal, risk Brexit never happening, or support her deal. She said: "We can choose to leave with no deal, we can risk no Brexit at all, or we can choose to unite and support the best deal."

Brexit means "British exit from the European Union". In 2016, 52 per cent of voters voted to leave the EU. They thought Britain would be stronger outside of the EU and wanted the UK to have more control to make future trade agreements with other countries and be free from EU laws. People who voted to stay believe the UK is stronger as part of the EU. The United Kingdom is due to leave the EU on March 29, 2019. It is still unclear if this will happen. Ms May's draft deal has further divided the country. Many people believe her government will not agree to the new deal.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-46228454>  
[https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/british-prime-minister-battles-to-save-brexit-deal-as-ministers-quit\\_us\\_5bed5696e4b0dbb7ea67cdcc](https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/british-prime-minister-battles-to-save-brexit-deal-as-ministers-quit_us_5bed5696e4b0dbb7ea67cdcc)  
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brexit>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181117-brexit-agreement-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                               |                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. battling to save           | a. to unite        |
| 2. senior ministers           | b. must choose     |
| 3. They said it was bad       | c. happening       |
| 4. Ms May said her government | d. deal            |
| 5. risk Brexit never          | e. with no deal    |
| 6. We can choose to leave     | f. resigned        |
| 7. we can choose              | g. the Brexit deal |
| 8. support the best           | h. for the UK      |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Brexit means                 | a. this will happen       |
| 2. 52 per cent of voters        | b. believe her government |
| 3. more control to make future  | c. voted to leave         |
| 4. The United Kingdom is due    | d. the new deal           |
| 5. It is still unclear if       | e. British exit           |
| 6. May's draft deal has further | f. to leave the EU        |
| 7. Many people                  | g. trade agreements       |
| 8. agree to                     | h. divided the country    |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The UK Prime Minister Theresa May (1) \_\_\_\_\_ save the Brexit deal with the European Union. It is (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the UK Brexit secretary and other senior ministers resigned. They quit because of the "final" deal that Ms May agreed with Europe. They said it (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the UK and would not allow the UK to leave the EU. Ms May said her government must (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the EU with no deal, risk Brexit never happening, or support her deal. She said: "We can choose to leave with no deal, we (5) \_\_\_\_\_ Brexit at all, or we can choose to unite and support (6) \_\_\_\_\_."

Brexit means "British (7) \_\_\_\_\_ European Union". In 2016, 52 per cent of voters voted to leave the EU. They thought Britain would (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of the EU and wanted the UK to have more control to make future trade agreements with other countries and (9) \_\_\_\_\_ EU laws. People who voted to stay believe the UK (10) \_\_\_\_\_ part of the EU. The United Kingdom is due to leave the EU on March 29, 2019. It is (11) \_\_\_\_\_ this will happen. Ms May's draft deal has further divided the country. Many people believe her government will (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the new deal.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# BREXIT SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181117-brexite-agreement-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Brexit 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.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

