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EU angers UK by calling Gibraltar a 'colony'

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THE READING

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The UK has objected to the EU's use of the word "colony" to describe the island of Gibraltar. The EU made a document regarding UK citizens travelling to the EU after Brexit. It says in a footnote: "Gibraltar is a colony of the British Crown. There is a controversy between Spain and the UK concerning the sovereignty over Gibraltar, a territory for which a solution has to be reached." The UK replied: "Gibraltar is not a colony and it is completely inappropriate to describe it in this way....Gibraltar is a full part of the UK family....This will not change due to our exit from the EU."

Gibraltar is a British Overseas Territory located between Spain and Morocco. Over 30,000 people live there. In 1704, Britain captured it from Spain. It was handed to the UK in a 1713 treaty. Spain still claims the territory. It wants the EU to exclude Gibraltar from all post-Brexit agreements with the UK. Gibraltar rejected the idea of a shared UK-Spanish sovereignty by 99% to 1% in a 2002 referendum. Gibraltar's Chief Minister accused Spain of bullying. He said: "No one will be surprised to hear the Spanish government making provocative statements in respect of Gibraltar."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The UK has objected to the EU's | a. of the UK family |
| 2. a document regarding UK | b. has to be reached |
| 3. travelling to the EU | c. to our exit |
| 4. a territory for which a solution | d. citizens |
| 5. Gibraltar is not | e. inappropriate |
| 6. it is completely | f. use of the word |
| 7. Gibraltar is a full part | g. a colony |
| 8. This will not change due | h. after Brexit |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. In 1704, Britain captured | a. the idea |
| 2. It was handed to the UK | b. of Gibraltar |
| 3. It wants the EU to | c. in a 1713 treaty |
| 4. Gibraltar rejected | d. statements |
| 5. in a 2002 | e. exclude Gibraltar |
| 6. Gibraltar's Chief Minister accused | f. it from Spain |
| 7. making provocative | g. referendum |
| 8. in respect | h. Spain of bullying |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The UK (1) _____ the EU's use of the word "colony" to describe the island of Gibraltar. The EU (2) _____ regarding UK citizens travelling to the EU after Brexit. It says (3) _____: "Gibraltar is a colony of the British Crown. There is a controversy between Spain and the UK concerning the sovereignty over Gibraltar, a territory for (4) _____ has to be reached." The UK replied: "Gibraltar is not a colony and (5) _____ inappropriate to describe it in this way....Gibraltar is a full part of the UK family....This will not (6) _____ our exit from the EU."

Gibraltar is a British Overseas Territory (7) _____ and Morocco. Over 30,000 people live there. In 1704, Britain (8) _____ Spain. It was handed to the UK in a 1713 treaty. Spain still (9) _____. It wants the EU to exclude Gibraltar from all post-Brexit agreements with the UK. Gibraltar (10) _____ of a shared UK-Spanish sovereignty by 99% to 1% in a 2002 referendum. Gibraltar's Chief Minister (11) _____ bullying. He said: "No one will be surprised to hear the Spanish government making provocative statements (12) _____ Gibraltar."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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COLONIES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about colonies 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) _____

