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## **EU angers UK by calling Gibraltar a 'colony'**

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190204-gibraltar.html>

The United Kingdom has objected to the European Union's use of the word "colony" to describe the island of Gibraltar. The European Council (a body that defines the EU's political direction) produced a document regarding UK nationals 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." A UK government spokesperson said: "Gibraltar is not a colony and it is completely inappropriate to describe it in this way. She added: "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 in the Mediterranean Sea between Spain and Morocco. It is home to over 30,000 people. In 1704, Anglo-Dutch forces captured it from Spain during a war. Spain handed Gibraltar to Great Britain in a 1713 treaty. However, Spain still asserts a claim to the territory. It wants Gibraltar excluded from all post-Brexit agreements between the UK and the EU. Gibraltar rejected proposals for shared UK-Spanish sovereignty by 99% to 1% in a 2002 referendum. Gibraltar's Chief Minister has 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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<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gibraltar>

# WARM-UPS

**1. COLONIES:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about colonies. 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 / colony / political / document / controversy / solution / family / exit / territory / war / treaty / agreements / proposals / sovereignty / referendum / respect

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

**3. INDEPENDENCE:** Students A **strongly** believe all colonies around the world should be given independence; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. SOVEREIGNTY:** What do you know about the sovereignty of these places? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Problems	What will change in future
Gibraltar		
Golan Heights		
Falkland Islands		
Spratly Islands		
Kashmir		
Crimea		

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

**6. ANGER:** Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest possibilities for anger between countries at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- borders
- history
- water
- sport
- pollution
- religion
- natural resources
- business

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| 1. objected      | a. An extra piece of information printed at the bottom of a page.   |
| 2. colony        | b. Not suitable or proper in the circumstances.   |
| 3. defines       | c. Said something to express one's disapproval of or disagreement with something.   |
| 4. footnote      | d. States or describes exactly the nature, scope, or meaning of.  |
| 5. controversy   | e. A country or area under the full or partial political control of another country, typically a distant one, and occupied by settlers from that country. |
| 6. sovereignty   | f. Disagreement, typically when prolonged, public, and heated.  |
| 7. inappropriate | g. The authority of a state to govern itself or another state.  |

## Paragraph 2

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. territory    | h. Took into one's possession or control by force.  |
| 9. captured     | i. A formally concluded and signed agreement between countries.   |
| 10. treaty      | j. A vote by the people on a single political question, which they must decide on.                                  |
| 11. claim       | k. An area of land under the control of a ruler or state.   |
| 12. proposal    | l. Causing annoyance, anger, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately.                                   |
| 13. referendum  | m. A plan or suggestion, especially a formal or written one, put forward for consideration or discussion by others. |
| 14. provocative | n. A right or title to something, often land.   |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190204-gibraltar.html>

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

- a. The European Council is responsible for the EU's political direction. **T / F**
- b. The word "colony" was written at the top of an EU document. **T / F**
- c. The EU said the solution for Gibraltar's sovereignty was reached in 1704. **T / F**
- d. The UK said Gibraltar was part of the EU family. **T / F**
- e. The UK said Gibraltar is a British Overseas Territory. **T / F**
- f. Spain handed Gibraltar to the UK in 1317. **T / F**
- g. Ninety-nine per cent of Gibraltarians voted against joint UK-Spanish rule. **T / F**
- h. A Gibraltarian politician suggested Spain was a bully. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- |                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>1. objected</b>       | a. unsuitable   |
| <b>2. body</b>           | b. dispute      |
| <b>3. controversy</b>    | c. seized       |
| <b>4. solution</b>       | d. regarding    |
| <b>5. inappropriate</b>  | e. organization |
| <b>6. located</b>        | f. vote         |
| <b>7. captured</b>       | g. protested    |
| <b>8. excluded</b>       | h. situated     |
| <b>9. referendum</b>     | i. answer       |
| <b>10. in respect of</b> | j. left out     |

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

- |   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1. objected to the European Union's use | a. to our exit from the EU |
| 2. It says in a                         | b. treaty                  |
| 3. a territory for which a solution     | c. statements              |
| 4. it is completely                     | d. over 30,000 people      |
| 5. This will not change due             | e. has to be reached       |
| 6. It is home to                        | f. of bullying             |
| 7. in a 1713                            | g. Brexit agreements       |
| 8. excluded from all post-              | h. inappropriate           |
| 9. accused Spain                        | i. of the word "colony"    |
| 10. making provocative                  | j. footnote                |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190204-gibraltar.html>

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*describe*  
*solution*  
*footnote*  
*completely*  
*objected*  
*exit*  
*sovereignty*  
*document*

Gibraltar is a British Overseas Territory (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in the Mediterranean Sea between Spain and Morocco. It is home to over 30,000 people. In 1704, Anglo-Dutch (10) \_\_\_\_\_ captured it from Spain during a war. Spain (11) \_\_\_\_\_ Gibraltar to Great Britain in a 1713 treaty. However, Spain still asserts a (12) \_\_\_\_\_ to the territory. It wants Gibraltar (13) \_\_\_\_\_ from all post-Brexit agreements between the UK and the EU. Gibraltar rejected (14) \_\_\_\_\_ for shared UK-Spanish sovereignty by 99% to 1% in a 2002 referendum. Gibraltar's Chief Minister has accused Spain of (15) \_\_\_\_\_. He said: "No one will be surprised to hear the Spanish government making provocative statements in (16) \_\_\_\_\_ of Gibraltar."

*handed*  
*excluded*  
*respect*  
*located*  
*bullying*  
*claim*  
*forces*  
*proposals*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190204-gibraltar.html>

- 1) objected to the European Union's use of the word "colony" to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. describe their island
  - b. describe the Ireland
  - c. describe the island
  - d. describe the Iceland
- 2) The European Council (a body that defines the EU's \_\_\_\_\_)
  - a. politically directions
  - b. politic all direction
  - c. political directions
  - d. political direction
- 3) It says in a footnote: "Gibraltar is a colony of the British Crown. There \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. is a controversial
  - b. is the controversy
  - c. is a controversy
  - d. is a controversies
- 4) a controversy between Spain and the UK concerning the \_\_\_\_\_ Gibraltar
  - a. sobbing tea over
  - b. sovereignty over
  - c. sovereigns tea over
  - d. sobering over
- 5) Gibraltar is not a colony and it is completely inappropriate \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. too describe it
  - b. to describe it
  - c. two describe it
  - d. through describe it
- 6) It is home to over 30,000 people. In 1704, Anglo-Dutch forces \_\_\_\_\_ Spain
  - a. raptured it from
  - b. enraptured it from
  - c. ruptured it from
  - d. captured it from
- 7) It wants Gibraltar excluded from \_\_\_\_\_ agreements
  - a. tall post-Brexit
  - b. fall post-Brexit
  - c. wall post-Brexit
  - d. all post-Brexit
- 8) proposals for shared UK-Spanish sovereignty by 99% to 1% in a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. 2002 referenda
  - b. 2002 refer addendum
  - c. 2002 refer addenda
  - d. 2002 referendum
- 9) Gibraltar's Chief Minister has accused \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Spain off bully in
  - b. Spain of bullying
  - c. Spain of bullied in
  - d. Spain off bullying
- 10) the Spanish government making provocative statements \_\_\_\_\_ Gibraltar
  - a. in respect of
  - b. on respect of
  - c. disrespect of
  - d. no respect of

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190204-gibraltar.html>

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190204-gibraltar.html>

1. What is the name of the body that produced a document?
2. What was the document that caused the UK's anger about?
3. What did the document say Gibraltar was a colony of?
4. What did the document say had to be reached?
5. What did the UK government say Gibraltar was a "full part of"?
6. How many people live in Gibraltar?
7. When did Spain hand Gibraltar over to the UK?
8. What does Spain want Gibraltar excluded from?
9. When did Gibraltarians vote against joint UK-Spanish sovereignty?
10. What did Gibraltar's Chief Minister accuse Spain of?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190204-gibraltar.html>

- 1) What is the name of the body that produced a document?
  - a) the Anglo-Spain Council
  - b) the European Council
  - c) the European Commission
  - d) the Gibraltar Commission
- 2) What was the document that caused the UK's anger about?
  - a) free movement of labour
  - b) investments in Gibraltar
  - c) Gibraltar passports
  - d) UK nationals travelling to the EU post-Brexit
- 3) What did the document say Gibraltar was a colony of?
  - a) the British Crown
  - b) Great Britain
  - c) the British Isles
  - d) the United Kingdom
- 4) What did the document say had to be reached?
  - a) Spain
  - b) a beach in Gibraltar
  - c) a solution
  - d) 2020
- 5) What did the UK government say Gibraltar was a "full part of"?
  - a) Great Britain
  - b) the UK family
  - c) Europe
  - d) the EU
- 6) How many people live in Gibraltar?
  - a) over 30,000
  - b) just fewer than 30,000
  - c) exactly 30,000
  - d) about 30,000
- 7) When did Spain hand Gibraltar over to the UK?
  - a) 1704
  - b) 1731
  - c) 1713
  - d) 1730
- 8) What does Spain want Gibraltar excluded from?
  - a) post-Brexit agreements between the UK and EU
  - b) the EU
  - c) the Council of Europe
  - d) talks
- 9) When did Gibraltarians vote against joint UK-Spanish sovereignty?
  - a) 2002
  - b) 2012
  - c) 1999
  - d) 2000
- 10) What did Gibraltar's Chief Minister accuse Spain of?
  - a) jealousy
  - b) politics
  - c) wrongdoing
  - d) bullying

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190204-gibraltar.html>

## **Role A – Borders**

You think borders are the biggest potential source for disputes between countries. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as likely to cause anger. Also, tell the others which is the least likely of these (and why): water, religion or pollution.

## **Role B – Water**

You think water is the biggest potential source for disputes between countries. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as likely to cause anger. Also, tell the others which is the least likely of these (and why): borders, religion or pollution.

## **Role C – Religion**

You think religion is the biggest potential source for disputes between countries. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as likely to cause anger. Also, tell the others which is the least likely of these (and why): water, borders or pollution.

## **Role D – Pollution**

You think pollution is the biggest potential source for disputes between countries. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as likely to cause anger. Also, tell the others which is the least likely of these (and why): water, religion or borders.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190204-gibraltar.html>

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

island	colony

- 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>• objected</li><li>• body</li><li>• footnote</li><li>• solution</li><li>• completely</li><li>• due</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• located</li><li>• 30,000</li><li>• 1713</li><li>• between</li><li>• 99</li><li>• respect</li></ul>
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# COLONIES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190204-gibraltar.html>

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.

# COLONIES DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'colony'?
3. What do you know about Gibraltar?
4. Do you think Gibraltar is a colony?
5. What do you think of the idea of colonies?
6. Why is the UK leaving the EU?
7. What will happen in the UK after the UK leaves the EU?
8. What controversies are there in your country?
9. What countries does your country have with disputes with?
10. Should all colonies get their independence?

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# COLONIES DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'island'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What is the difference between an 'overseas territory' and a colony?
15. Should the UK return Gibraltar to Spain?
16. What do you think of the 2002 referendum result?
17. Are you surprised that Spain wants Gibraltar back?
18. What advice do you have for Spain's government?
19. What will the EU be like in ten years' time?
20. What questions would you like to ask the governor of Gibraltar?

## **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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190204-gibraltar.html>

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Gibraltar is a British Overseas Territory located (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the Mediterranean Sea between Spain and Morocco. It is (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to over 30,000 people. In 1704, Anglo-Dutch forces captured it from Spain during a war. Spain handed Gibraltar to Great Britain in a 1713 treaty. However, Spain still asserts a (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to the territory. It wants Gibraltar excluded from all post-Brexit agreements between the UK and the EU. Gibraltar rejected (10) \_\_\_\_\_ for shared UK-Spanish sovereignty by 99% to 1% in a 2002 referendum. Gibraltar's Chief Minister has accused Spain (11) \_\_\_\_\_ bullying. He said: "No one will be surprised to hear the Spanish government making provocative statements (12) \_\_\_\_\_ respect of Gibraltar."

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

- |     |              |               |                 |                |
|-----|--------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) object   | (b) objected  | (c) objection   | (d) objectify  |
| 2.  | (a) to       | (b) at        | (c) by          | (d) of         |
| 3.  | (a) regaling | (b) regarding | (c) regimenting | (d) regulating |
| 4.  | (a) concern  | (b) concerns  | (c) concerning  | (d) concerned  |
| 5.  | (a) solution | (b) answer    | (c) liquid      | (d) blend      |
| 6.  | (a) due      | (b) because   | (c) for         | (d) of         |
| 7.  | (a) of       | (b) at        | (c) on          | (d) in         |
| 8.  | (a) home     | (b) mansion   | (c) residence   | (d) house      |
| 9.  | (a) clam     | (b) claim     | (c) calm        | (d) clamp      |
| 10. | (a) project  | (b) assets    | (c) proposals   | (d) asserts    |
| 11. | (a) by       | (b) on        | (c) of          | (d) at         |
| 12. | (a) on       | (b) in        | (c) at          | (d) of         |



# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. The United Kingdom has jtbdeec
2. a body that ndfesei the EU's political direction
3. There is a ntoerscorvy
4. the ieyvetrogsn over Gibraltar
5. a Inousoti has to be reached
6. it is completely ptanrreoppaii

## Paragraph 2

7. toacdle in the Mediterranean
8. Anglo-Dutch forces pretuadc it from Spain
9. asserts a claim to the yitretorr
10. Gibraltar rejected lpoasospr
11. making vtrvpoacoei statements
12. in ersetcp of Gibraltar

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190204-gibraltar.html>

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

- ( ) territory. It wants Gibraltar excluded from all post-Brexit agreements between the UK and the EU. Gibraltar rejected
- ( ) spokesperson said: "Gibraltar is not a colony and it is completely inappropriate to describe it in this
- ( ) way. She added: "Gibraltar is a full part of the UK family....This will not change due to our exit from the EU."
- ( ) of Gibraltar. The European Council (a body that defines the EU's political direction) produced a
- ( ) the sovereignty over Gibraltar, a territory for which a solution has to be reached." A UK government
- ( ) Gibraltar is a British Overseas Territory located in the Mediterranean Sea between Spain and
- ( ) document regarding UK nationals travelling to the EU after Brexit. It says in a
- ( **1** ) The United Kingdom has objected to the European Union's use of the word "colony" to describe the island
- ( ) footnote: "Gibraltar is a colony of the British Crown. There is a controversy between Spain and the UK concerning
- ( ) surprised to hear the Spanish government making provocative statements in respect of Gibraltar."
- ( ) proposals for shared UK-Spanish sovereignty by 99% to 1% in a 2002
- ( ) Morocco. It is home to over 30,000 people. In 1704, Anglo-Dutch forces captured it from Spain during
- ( ) a war. Spain handed Gibraltar to Great Britain in a 1713 treaty. However, Spain still asserts a claim to the
- ( ) referendum. Gibraltar's Chief Minister has accused Spain of bullying. He said: "No one will be

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190204-gibraltar.html>

1. to use Objected the EU's word . the of
2. EU's direction . the political that A body defines
3. of a Crown . colony the Gibraltar is British
4. inappropriate Completely it describe way . this in to
5. our change not This exit . due to will
6. people . is home more 30,000 than to It
7. asserts the territory . to still a Spain claim
8. from all Gibraltar agreements . wants It post-Brexit excluded
9. be to hear No one will surprised that .
10. respect of provocative Making statements in Gibraltar .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190204-gibraltar.html>

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Gibraltar is a British Overseas Territory *situates* / *located* in the Mediterranean Sea between Spain and Morocco. It is *house* / *home* to over 30,000 people. In 1704, Anglo-Dutch forces captured *it* / *place* from Spain during a war. Spain *palmed* / *handed* Gibraltar to Great Britain in a 1713 treaty. However, Spain still *asserts* / *assets* a claim to the territory. It wants Gibraltar *exclusive* / *excluded* from all post-Brexit agreements between the UK and the EU. Gibraltar rejected *supposes* / *proposals* for shared UK-Spanish sovereignty by 99% to 1% in a 2002 *referendum* / *referenda*. Gibraltar's Chief Minister has *accused* / *accustomed* Spain of bullying. He said: "No one will be surprised to hear the Spanish government making provocative statements *in* / *on* respect of Gibraltar."

**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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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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gibraltar is a british overseas territory located in the mediterranean sea between spain and morocco it is home to over 30000 people in 1704 anglodutch forces captured it from spain during a war spain handed gibraltar to great britain in a 1713 treaty however spain still asserts a claim to the territory it wants gibraltar excluded from all postbrexit agreements between the uk and the eu gibraltar rejected proposals for shared ukspanish sovereignty by 99 to 1 in a 2002 referendum gibraltars chief minister has accused spain of bullying he said no one will be surprised to hear the spanish government making provocative statements in respect of gibraltar"

## PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMWORK

**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 this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. COLONIES:** Make a poster about colonies. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. INDEPENDENCE:** Write a magazine article about giving all colonies their independence. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 colonies. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on them. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c    2. e    3. d    4. a    5. f    6. g    7. b  
8. k    9. h    10. i    11. n    12. m    13. j    14. l

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. objected       | a. protested    |
| 2. body           | b. organization |
| 3. controversy    | c. dispute      |
| 4. solution       | d. answer       |
| 5. inappropriate  | e. unsuitable   |
| 6. located        | f. situated     |
| 7. captured       | g. seized       |
| 8. excluded       | h. left out     |
| 9. referendum     | i. vote         |
| 10. in respect of | j. regarding    |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. The European Council
2. UK nationals travelling to the EU after Brexit
3. The British Crown
4. A solution
5. The UK family
6. Over 30,000
7. 1713
8. Post-Brexit agreements between the UK and EU
9. 2002
10. Bullying

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Objected to the EU's use of the word.
2. A body that defines the EU's political direction.
3. Gibraltar is a colony of the British Crown.
4. Completely inappropriate to describe it in this way.
5. This will not change due to our exit.
6. It is home to more than 30,000 people.
7. Spain still asserts a claim to the territory.
8. It wants Gibraltar excluded from all post-Brexit agreements.
9. No one will be surprised to hear that.
10. Making provocative statements in respect of Gibraltar.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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