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Level 0 – 13th August, 2019

United Kingdom could break up, warns ex-leader

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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An ex-UK prime minister, Gordon Brown said the UK is in danger. He warned of economic disaster when the UK leaves the European Union, especially if the UK leaves without a deal. He said this is because many people in the UK want independence for their country. He said the UK is no longer a united kingdom.

The UK is four countries - the three nations of Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) and Northern Ireland. Most people in Scotland want to stay in the EU. There are now talks of Scottish independence. People are also talking about a possible reunited Ireland. Brown said: "Nationalism is now driving British politics."

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-49309113>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. An ex-UK | a. is in danger |
| 2. Gordon Brown said the UK | b. want independence |
| 3. He warned of economic | c. Union |
| 4. when the UK | d. a united kingdom |
| 5. the European | e. a deal |
| 6. leaves without | f. prime minister |
| 7. people in the UK | g. leaves |
| 8. the UK is no longer | h. disaster |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The UK | a. stay in the EU |
| 2. the three nations | b. Ireland |
| 3. England, Scotland | c. independence |
| 4. Most people in Scotland want to | d. of Great Britain |
| 5. There are now talks of Scottish | e. British politics |
| 6. People are also | f. and Wales |
| 7. a possible reunited | g. is four countries |
| 8. Nationalism is now driving | h. talking |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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An ex-UK prime minister, Gordon Brown (1) _____

is in danger. He warned (2) _____ when the UK

leaves the European Union, (3) _____ UK leaves

without a deal. He (4) _____ because many

people in the UK want independence (5) _____.

He said the UK is (6) _____ united kingdom.

The UK (7) _____ - the three nations of Great

Britain (England, (8) _____) and Northern

Ireland. Most people in Scotland (9) _____ in the

EU. There are (10) _____ Scottish independence.

People are also talking (11) _____ reunited

Ireland. Brown said: "Nationalism (12) _____

British politics."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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theUKwantindependencefortheircountry.HesaidtheUKisnolongerau
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otlandwanttostayintheEU.TherearenowtalksofScottishindependenc
e.PeoplearealsotalkingaboutapossiblereunitedIreland.Brownsaid:"
NationalismisnowdrivingBritishpolitics."

THE UNITED KINGDOM SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190813-united-kingdom-4.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.

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) _____

