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United Kingdom could break up, warns ex-leader

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

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THE READING

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An ex-UK prime minister, Gordon Brown, has warned that the union of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland is "sleepwalking" into disaster. He also warned of economic disaster after the UK leaves the European Union. The UK will leave the European Union on October 31st (which is also Halloween). Mr Brown believes that if the UK leaves the EU without a deal, the four nations of the UK will be in trouble. He said this is because of nationalist thinking. He said many people in the UK want independence for their country. He said the United Kingdom is no longer a united kingdom.

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is four countries - the three nations of Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) and Northern Ireland. Brown thinks Brexit has made people in each country want independence. Most people in Scotland want to stay in the EU and voted against Brexit. There are talks of a vote for Scottish independence. There are also worries over a physical border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. People are talking about a possible reunited Ireland. Brown said: "We must recognize that nationalism is now driving British politics."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. An ex-UK | a. thinking |
| 2. sleepwalking into | b. a deal |
| 3. He also warned of economic | c. a united kingdom |
| 4. if the UK leaves the EU without | d. disaster |
| 5. the four | e. want independence |
| 6. this is because of nationalist | f. prime minister |
| 7. people in the UK | g. disaster |
| 8. the United Kingdom is no longer | h. nations of the UK |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. people in each country want | a. that |
| 2. people in Scotland want to | b. worries |
| 3. talks of a vote for Scottish | c. British politics |
| 4. There are also | d. border |
| 5. a physical | e. independence |
| 6. talking about a possible reunited | f. stay in the EU |
| 7. We must recognize | g. Ireland |
| 8. nationalism is now driving | h. independence |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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An ex-UK prime minister, Gordon Brown, (1) _____ the union of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland is "sleepwalking" into disaster. He (2) _____ economic disaster after the UK leaves the European Union. (3) _____ the European Union on October 31st (which is also Halloween). Mr Brown (4) _____ the UK leaves the EU without a deal, the four nations of the UK will be in trouble. He said (5) _____ of nationalist thinking. He said many people in the UK want independence for their country. He said the United Kingdom (6) _____ a united kingdom.

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is four countries - the (7) _____ Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) and Northern Ireland. Brown thinks Brexit has made people (8) _____ want independence. Most people in Scotland want to stay in the EU (9) _____ Brexit. There are talks of a vote for Scottish independence. There are also worries (10) _____ border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. People (11) _____ a possible reunited Ireland. Brown said: "We must recognize that nationalism (12) _____ British politics."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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) _____

