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## **Level 4**

### **U.K. votes to leave European Union**

**26th June, 2016**

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# THE READING

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The UK voted to leave the European Union in a referendum on Thursday. It is a political earthquake. Currency markets were affected. Britain's pound fell to its lowest level against the dollar since 1985. Scotland and Northern Ireland voted to stay in the EU. They are thinking about breaking from the UK. A right-wing politician in Europe said: "It is Great Britain's independence day....The European Union as a political union has failed."

A politics professor summed up the scale of the exit. He said: "This is the biggest shock to European politics since the fall of the Berlin Wall." Britain's leader David Cameron has resigned. He said the country needed "fresh leadership". The millions of non-British EU citizens living in Britain and the Britons living in other EU countries are less certain about their future. Some politicians in Holland and France also want to leave the EU. They said: "Now it is our turn."

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                      |                       |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. voted to leave the European Union | a. to stay            |
| 2. It is a political                 | b. independence day   |
| 3. Currency markets                  | c. in a referendum    |
| 4. fell to its lowest level          | d. union has failed   |
| 5. Northern Ireland voted            | e. earthquake         |
| 6. A right-                          | f. against the dollar |
| 7. It is Great Britain's             | g. were affected      |
| 8. The European Union as a political | h. wing politician    |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. A politics                | a. to European politics     |
| 2. summed                    | b. about their future       |
| 3. This is the biggest shock | c. leadership               |
| 4. since the fall            | d. up the scale of the exit |
| 5. the country needed fresh  | e. British EU citizens      |
| 6. millions of non-          | f. turn                     |
| 7. less certain              | g. of the Berlin Wall       |
| 8. Now it is our             | h. professor                |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The UK voted to leave the European Union (1) \_\_\_\_\_ on Thursday. It is a political earthquake. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ were affected. Britain's pound (3) \_\_\_\_\_ level against the dollar since 1985. Scotland and Northern Ireland (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the EU. They are thinking about (5) \_\_\_\_\_ UK. A right-wing politician in Europe said: "It is Great Britain's independence day....The European Union as a political (6) \_\_\_\_\_."

A politics professor summed up the (7) \_\_\_\_\_. He said: "This is the biggest shock to European politics (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the Berlin Wall." Britain's leader David Cameron has resigned. He said the country needed "(9) \_\_\_\_\_". The millions of non-British EU citizens living in Britain and the Britons (10) \_\_\_\_\_ EU countries (11) \_\_\_\_\_ their future. Some politicians in Holland and France also want to leave the EU. They said: "(12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# THE UNITED KINGDOM SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1606/160626-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) \_\_\_\_\_

