

British Prime Minister battles to save Brexit

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The UK Prime Minister Theresa May is battling to save the Brexit divorce deal with the European Union, and her job. The Brexit agreement is in danger after the UK Brexit secretary Dominic Raab and other senior ministers

resigned. They quit because of the "final" deal that Ms May agreed with Europe on Thursday. Mr Raab said the deal was bad for the UK. He said it would not allow the UK to leave the EU. Ms May said her government has a choice. It must choose to leave the EU with no deal, risk Brexit never happening, or support her deal. She said: "The choice is clear. We can choose to leave with no deal, we can risk no Brexit at all, or we can choose to unite and support the best deal that can be negotiated."

Brexit means "British exit from the European Union". On June 23, 2016, the British people voted to leave the EU. Nearly 52 per cent of voters voted to leave. They voted to leave because they thought Britain would be stronger outside of the EU. They wanted the UK to have more control over its future and to make trade agreements with other countries. They also wanted to be free from EU laws. People who voted to stay believe the UK is stronger as part of the EU. The United Kingdom is due to leave the EU on March 29, 2019, at 11pm UK time. It is still unclear if or how the UK will leave the EU. Thursday's draft deal has further divided the country. Many people believe the UK's government will not agree to the new deal.

Sources: bbc.com / huffingtonpost.com / wikipedia.org

Writing

Brexit will be a good thing for the UK and Europe.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

battling / divorce / agreement / secretary / deal / government / choice / leave / exit / voters / stronger / EU / UK / countries / free / laws / unclear / divided / agree

True / False

- Theresa May lost her job because of the Brexit agreement with the EU. T / F
- A UK Brexit secretary quit because Theresa May's new Brexit deal. T / F
- The Brexit secretary was the only politician to resign. T / F
- Theresa May said the UK's government only had one choice. T / F
- The word "Brexit" means "Britain Exits Italy". T / F
- Less than 52 per cent of British people voted to leave the EU. T / F
- Britain is scheduled to leave the EU on March 29 at 11pm. T / F
- Many people believe the UK government won't back the deal. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. battling | a. believed |
| 2. agreement | b. discussed terms |
| 3. resigned | c. preliminary |
| 4. support | d. departure |
| 5. negotiated | e. deal |
| 6. exit | f. approve |
| 7. thought | g. back |
| 8. still | h. fighting |
| 9. draft | i. even now |
| 10. agree | j. quit |

Discussion – Student A

- What do you know about Brexit?
- Is it better for the UK to stay in the European Union?
- Have you ever quit something?
- Have you ever made a deal?
- What do you think of your government?
- What organizations is your country a member of?
- What do you think of the United Kingdom?
- Do you think you are good at negotiating?

Phrase Match

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| 1. battling to save the Brexit divorce | a. over its future |
| 2. The Brexit agreement is in | b. for the UK |
| 3. other senior | c. voted to leave |
| 4. Mr Raab said the deal was bad | d. is clear |
| 5. The choice | e. danger |
| 6. Brexit means | f. to leave the EU |
| 7. Nearly 52 per cent of voters | g. ministers resigned |
| 8. have more control | h. the country |
| 9. The United Kingdom is due | i. deal |
| 10. further divided | j. British exit |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- What do you know about Theresa May?
- What do Europeans think of the UK leaving the EU?
- If the UK leaves the EU, will other countries follow?
- How strong is your country?
- What things divide your country?
- How important is the UK?
- What questions would you like to ask Theresa May?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

1. h	2. e	3. j	4. g	5. b
6. d	7. a	8. i	9. c	10. f

Role Play

Role A – Cyber-security

You think cyber-security is the most important deal to make with other countries. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their deals. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): trade, tourism or freedom of movement.

Role B – Trade

You think trade is the most important deal to make with other countries. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their deals. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): cyber-security, tourism or freedom of movement.

Role C – Tourism

You think tourism is the most important deal to make with other countries. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their deals. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): trade, cyber-security or freedom of movement.

Role D – Freedom of Movement

You think freedom of movement is the most important deal to make with other countries. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their deals. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): trade, tourism or cyber-security.

Speaking – Deals

Rank these with your partner. Put the most important deals for your country at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • cyber-security | • freedom of movement |
| • trade | • freedom of labour |
| • tourism | • cultural ties |
| • energy | • military ties |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.