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Bougainville may be the world's next country

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THE ARTICLE

The process is under way for the possible introduction of a new member to the global family of nations. The people of Bougainville in Papua New Guinea have voted overwhelmingly for independence in a referendum. The vote was held on the island between the 23rd of November and the 7th of December. The vote was a non-binding referendum, which means the Papua New Guinea (PNG) government does not have to pass it into law. However, PNG gave the vote its full consent and should now consider acting on the result of the vote. Voters had two options - greater autonomy or full independence. Over 181,000 people cast their ballot and nearly 98 per cent of them voted in favour of independence.

Bougainville is the largest island of the PNG chain of islands. It is geographically part of the Solomon Islands archipelago and used to be known as the Republic of North Solomons. It has a population of around 250,000 people. Bougainvilleans started a fight to achieve their independence in the 1960s. This was a decade before Papua New Guinea was granted independence in 1975. Bougainville was declared part of PNG in 1976. This sparked the Bougainville Civil War between 1988–1998. Over 20,000 people lost their lives in that conflict. The Prime Minister of PNG said: "I ask for some time for the people of PNG to absorb and process this result." He said his government was committed to adhering to the poll's result.

WARM-UPS

1. INDEPENDENCE: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about independence. 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?

process / member / global family / nations / independence / referendum / vote / law / chain / archipelago / population / decade / civil war / conflict / government / result

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

3. MORE COUNTRIES: Students A **strongly** believe there should be more countries in the world; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. NATIONS: What do you know about these nations? What would you like to know? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	**What I Want To Know**
PNG		
NZ		
UAE		
UK		
USA		
CAF		

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

6. NATIONHOOD: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important things about nationhood at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- currency
- national anthem
- border control
- international sports teams
- armed forces
- foreign policy
- passports
- a seat at the UN

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

1.	overwhelmingly	a.	Make a vote.
2.	referendum	b.	Very great in amount.
3.	non-binding	c.	The right or condition of self-government.
4.	consent	d.	A vote by people in a country on a single political question which has been asked of them for a direct decision.
5.	autonomy	e.	Permission for something to happen or agreement to do something.
6.	ballot	f.	An agreement or promise that does not have an obligation to fulfill that agreement or promise.
7.	cast	g.	A piece of paper on which people make their vote.

Paragraph 2

8.	archipelago	h.	A group of islands.
9.	achieve	i.	Promised to follow a certain course or policy.
10.	granted	j.	Successfully bring about or reach a desired objective, level, or result by effort, skill, or courage.
11.	declared	k.	A long armed struggle or war.
12.	sparked	l.	Agreed to give something or allow something requested to happen.
13.	conflict	m.	Openly or formally asserted or announced.
14.	committed	n.	Provided the thing that started for a dramatic event or process.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

a. The article said Bougainville would become a country next year.   **T / F**

b. The referendum was two days long.   **T / F**

c. PNG must now pass Bougainville's independence into law.   **T / F**

d. In the vote, 98% of people voted for independence.   **T / F**

e. Bougainville is part of the Solomon Islands archipelago.   **T / F**

f. Bougainville has a population of a quarter of a million people.   **T / F**

g. Bougainville suffered a decade-long civil war.   **T / F**

h. PNG's prime minister said he would stick to the result of the poll.   **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:
Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

1.	**under way**	a.	island chain
2.	**held**	b.	think about
3.	**consent**	c.	ignited
4.	**consider**	d.	conducted
5.	**ballot**	e.	sticking
6.	**part**	f.	given
7.	**archipelago**	g.	in progress
8.	**granted**	h.	vote
9.	**sparked**	i.	region
10.	**adhering**	j.	agreement

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

1.	The process is under	a.	granted independence
2.	voted overwhelmingly for	b.	favour
3.	pass it into	c.	poll's result
4.	Over 181,000 people cast	d.	their lives
5.	98 per cent of them voted in	e.	independence
6.	part of the Solomon Islands	f.	Bougainville Civil War
7.	Papua New Guinea was	g.	way
8.	This sparked the	h.	law
9.	20,000 people lost	i.	archipelago
10.	committed to adhering to the	j.	their ballot

GAP FILL

The process is (1) _____ way for the possible introduction of a new member to the global (2) _____ of nations. The people of Bougainville in Papua New Guinea have voted (3) _____ for independence in a referendum. The vote was held on the island between the 23rd of November and the 7th of December. The vote was a (4) _____ referendum, which means the Papua New Guinea (PNG) government does not have to pass it into law. However, PNG gave the vote its full (5) _____ and should now consider acting on the result of the vote. Voters had two (6) _____ - greater autonomy or full independence. Over 181,000 people (7) _____ their ballot and nearly 98 per cent of them voted in (8) _____ of independence.

non-binding

options

under

favour

overwhelmingly

cast

family

consent

Bougainville is the largest island of the PNG chain of islands. It is geographically part of the Solomon Islands (9) _____ and used to be known as the Republic of North Solomons. It has a population of around 250,000 people. Bougainvilleans started a fight to (10) _____ their independence in the 1960s. This was a (11) _____ before Papua New Guinea was granted independence in 1975. Bougainville was (12) _____ part of PNG in 1976. This (13) _____ the Bougainville Civil War between 1988–1998. Over 20,000 people lost their lives in that (14) _____. The Prime Minister of PNG said: "I ask for some time for the people of PNG to (15) _____ and process this result." He said his government was committed to (16) _____ to the poll's result.

declared

achieve

absorb

sparked

adhering

archipelago

decade

conflict

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

1) the possible introduction of a new member to the _____ nations
   a. globe all family of
   b. glow ball family of
   c. globule family of
   d. global family of

2) The vote was a non-_____
   a. binding referendum
   b. bind in referendum
   c. bind din referendum
   d. bine din referendum

3) PNG gave the vote its full consent and should now consider _____ result
   a. acting off the
   b. acting on the
   c. acting once the
   d. acting only the

4) Voters had two options - greater autonomy or _____
   a. full independently
   b. full independent
   c. full independence
   d. full in deep-end dance

5) Over 181,000 people cast their ballot and nearly 98 per cent of them _____
   a. voted on favour
   b. voted in favour
   c. voted off favour
   d. voted at favour

6) Bougainville is the largest island of the PNG _____
   a. chair of islands
   b. chain of islands
   c. grain of islands
   d. churn of islands

7) It is geographically part of the Solomon _____
   a. Islands archipelago
   b. Islands arpeggio
   c. Islands arch lumbago
   d. Islands are key peel ago

8) This was a decade before Papua New Guinea was _____
   a. grant it independence
   b. grand tide independence
   c. granted independence
   d. grant Ted independence

9) Over 20,000 people lost their lives _____
   a. in that conflict
   b. in that conflicts
   c. in that conflicting
   d. in that conflicted

10) I ask for some time for the people of PNG to absorb and _____
   a. pro cyst this result
   b. protest this result
   c. prose test this result
   d. process this result

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

The process (1) _____ for the possible introduction of a new member to the global family of nations. The people of Bougainville in Papua New Guinea (2) _____ for independence in a referendum. The vote was held on the island between the 23rd of November and the 7th of December. The vote (3) _____ referendum, which means the Papua New Guinea (PNG) government does not have (4) _____ into law. However, PNG gave the vote its full consent and should now consider acting on the result of the vote. Voters had two options - greater (5) _____ independence. Over 181,000 people cast their ballot and nearly 98 per cent of them voted (6) _____ independence.

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. What did the article say Bougainville might become a member of?

2. How long was the referendum?

3. Why doesn't PNG have to pass the vote's result into law?

4. What choice did people have besides full independence?

5. What percentage of people in the referendum voted for independence?

6. What archipelago is Bougainville a part of?

7. What is the population of Bougainville?

8. When did Papua New Guinea get its independence?

9. What happened between 1988-1998?

10. What does the PNG leader need to process the result of the vote?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

1) What did the article say Bougainville might become a member of?
a) the UN
b) a global trade pact
c) the global family of nations
d) the WHO

2) How long was the referendum?
a) about two weeks
b) about a week
c) 10 days
d) 48 hours

3) Why doesn't PNG have to pass the vote's result into law?
a) the vote was non-binding
b) it is a part of the UN
c) PNG is a country
d) it doesn't recognise the vote

4) What choice did people have besides full independence?
a) no independence
b) greater autonomy
c) open borders
d) control of borders

5) What percentage of people in the referendum voted for independence?
a) 68%
b) 78%
c) 88%
d) 98%

6) What archipelago is Bougainville a part of?
a) the Philippines
b) the Solomon Islands
c) the Trobriand Islands
d) the South Pacific islands

7) What is the population of Bougainville?
a) around 250,000
b) around 500,000
c) around 750,000
d) around a million

8) When did Papua New Guinea get its independence?
a) 1970
b) 1968
c) 1975
d) 1988

9) What happened between 1988-1998?
a) mass migration
b) street protests
c) international talks
d) the Bougainville Civil War

10) What does the PNG leader need to process the result of the vote?
a) time
b) money
c) meetings
d) support

ROLE PLAY

Role A – Passports

You think issuing passports is the most important part of being a country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a seat at the UN, national sports teams or border control.

Role B – A Seat At The UN

You think a seat at the UN is the most important part of being a country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): passports, national sports teams or border control.

Role C – National Sports Teams

You think having national sports teams is the most important part of being a country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a seat at the UN, passports or border control.

Role D – Border Control

You think border control is the most important part of being a country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a seat at the UN, national sports teams or passports.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

independence	country

- 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:

- under	- largest
- held	- known
- means	- around
- pass	- decade
- full	- sparked
- cast	- result

INDEPENDENCE SURVEY

Write five GOOD questions about independence 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.

INDEPENDENCE 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 'independence'?

3. What do you know about Papua New Guinea?

4. What do you know about your country's independence?

5. What regions of the world should get their independence?

6. Why do countries not want to grant independence to their regions?

7. Can the world have too many countries?

8. Would independence for more regions bring peace?

9. Should Papua New Guinea give independence to Bougainville?

10. What advice do you have for the people of Bougainville?

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INDEPENDENCE 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 'vote'?

13. What do you think about what you read?

14. What do you know about Bougainville?

15. What regions are fighting for independence today?

16. What are the reasons for not giving a region independence?

17. Which is better - independence or greater autonomy?

18. Would you fight for independence?

19. What was the biggest struggle for independence in history?

20. What questions would you like to ask Bougainville's leader?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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

1.	(a)	about	(b)	under	(c)	over	(d)	through
2.	(a)	that	(b)	for	(c)	toward	(d)	over
3.	(a)	handled	(b)	touched	(c)	grasped	(d)	held
4.	(a)	meaning	(b)	means	(c)	meant	(d)	mean
5.	(a)	indent	(b)	repent	(c)	invent	(d)	consent
6.	(a)	vast	(b)	mast	(c)	cast	(d)	last
7.	(a)	chain	(b)	link	(c)	lock	(d)	shackle
8.	(a)	arpeggio	(b)	archangel	(c)	archipelago	(d)	archery
9.	(a)	timing	(b)	timeline	(c)	century	(d)	decade
10.	(a)	sparked	(b)	spanked	(c)	sparkled	(d)	specked
11.	(a)	that	(b)	what	(c)	then	(d)	there
12.	(a)	adhering	(b)	gluing	(c)	fastening	(d)	pasting

SPELLING

Paragraph 1

1. voted <u>mnhlwrilyoveeg</u> for independence

2. a non-binding <u>reeuefndrm</u>

3. PNG gave the vote its full <u>cntseon</u>

4. greater <u>motyouan</u>

5. Over 181,000 people cast their <u>ollbat</u>

6. voted in <u>vafuro</u> of independence

Paragraph 2

7. part of the Solomon Islands <u>erioaglpcha</u>

8. This was a <u>edcade</u> before

9. Bougainville was <u>aeldcedr</u> part of PNG

10. <u>sroabb</u> and process this result

11. He said his government was <u>mdemcotti</u>

12. <u>agdehinr</u> to the poll's result

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

( )   acting on the result of the vote. Voters had two options - greater autonomy or full independence. Over 181,000 people

( )   nations. The people of Bougainville in Papua New Guinea have voted overwhelmingly

( )   government does not have to pass it into law. However, PNG gave the vote its full consent and should now consider

( )   granted independence in 1975. Bougainville was declared part of PNG in 1976. This sparked the Bougainville Civil War

( )   the 7th of December. The vote was a non-binding referendum, which means the Papua New Guinea (PNG)

( )   Bougainville is the largest island of the PNG chain of islands. It is geographically part of the Solomon Islands

( )   of PNG said: "I ask for some time for the people of PNG to absorb and process this

( )   archipelago and used to be known as the Republic of North Solomons. It has a population of around 250,000 people. Bougainvilleans started

( )   cast their ballot and nearly 98 per cent of them voted in favour of independence.

( )   for independence in a referendum. The vote was held on the island between the 23rd of November and

( )   a fight to achieve their independence in the 1960s. This was a decade before Papua New Guinea was

( )   result." He said his government was committed to adhering to the poll's result.

( )   between 1988–1998. Over 20,000 people lost their lives in that conflict. The Prime Minister

(*1*)   The process is under way for the possible introduction of a new member to the global family of

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

1. possible   a   new   member   .   of   introduction   The

2. for   in   overwhelmingly   independence   Voted   referendum   .   a

3. pass   not   have   does   to   The   it   .   government

4. consent   .   the   full   vote   its   gave   PNG   However,

5. favour   .   Nearly   in   them   cent   per   voted   of   98

6. geographically   is   Islands   .   the   It   part   Solomon   of

7. a   250,000   population   of   has   people   .   It   around

8. decade   granted   before   A   was   PNG   independence   .

9. in   Over   that   lives   conflict   .   20,000   their   lost

10. government   adhering   the   to   His   poll   .   committed   to

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

The process is *under / over* way for the possible introduction of a new member to the global family of *nationals / nations*. The people of Bougainville in Papua New Guinea have voted overwhelmingly for independence *on / in* a referendum. The vote was *held / handled* on the island between the 23rd of November and the 7th of December. The vote was a non-binding referendum, which *meaning / means* the Papua New Guinea (PNG) government does not have to pass it *onto / into* law. However, PNG gave the vote its full *consensus / consent* and should now consider acting *on / in* the result of the vote. Voters had two *captions / options* - greater autonomy or full independence. Over 181,000 people *vast / cast* their ballot and nearly 98 per cent of them voted in favour of independence.

Bougainville is the largest island of the PNG *shackle / chain* of islands. It is geographically *party / part* of the Solomon Islands *archipelago / arpeggio* and used to be *known / knowing* as the Republic of North Solomons. It has a population of around 250,000 people. Bougainvilleans started a *fright / fight* to achieve their independence in the 1960s. This was a *decade / century* before Papua New Guinea was *gained / granted* independence in 1975. Bougainville was declared part of PNG in 1976. This sparked the Bougainville Civil War between 1988–1998. Over 20,000 people lost their lives in that *conundrum / conflict*. The Prime Minister of PNG said: "I ask for some time for the people of PNG to *absorb / osmosis* and process this result." He said his government was committed to *pasting / adhering* to the poll's result.

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

the process is under way for the possible introduction of a new member to the global family of nations the people of bougainville in papua new guinea have voted overwhelmingly for independence in a referendum the vote was held on the island between the 23rd of november and the 7th of december the vote was a nonbinding referendum which means the papua new guinea png government does not have to pass it into law however png gave the vote its full consent and should now consider acting on the result of the vote voters had two options   greater autonomy or full independence over 181000 people cast their ballot and nearly 98 per cent of them voted in favour of independence

bougainville is the largest island of the png chain of islands it is geographically part of the solomon islands archipelago and used to be known as the republic of north solomons it has a population of around 250000 people bougainvilleans started a fight to achieve their independence in the 1960s this was a decade before papua new guinea was granted independence in 1975 bougainville was declared part of png in 1976 this sparked the bougainville civil war between 19881998 over 20000 people lost their lives in that conflict the prime minister of png said i ask for some time for the people of png to absorb and process this result he said his government was committed to adhering to the polls result.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

Theprocessisunderwayforthepossibleintroductionofanewmemberto theglobalfamilyofnations.ThepeopleofBougainvilleinPapuaNewGuin eahavevotedoverwhelminglyforindependenceinareferendum.Thev otewasheldontheislandbetweenthe23rdofNovemberandthe7thofDe cember.Thevotewasanon-bindingreferendum,whichmeansthePa puaNewGuinea(PNG)governmentdoesnothavetopassitintolaw.How ever,PNGgavethevoteitsfullconsentandshouldnowconsideractingon theresultofthevote.Votershadtwooptions-greaterautonomyorfulli ndependence.Over181,000peoplecasttheirballotandnearly98perce ntofthemvotedinfavourofindependence.Bougainvilleisthelargestisla ndofthePNGchainofislands.ItisgeographicallypartoftheSolomonIsla ndsarchipelagoandusedtobeknownastheRepublicofNorthSolomons. Ithasapopulationofaround250,000people.Bougainvilleansstartedafi ghttoachievetheirindependenceinthe1960s.Thiswasadecadebefore PapuaNewGuineawasgrantedindependencein1975.Bougainvillewas declaredpartofPNGin1976.ThissparkedtheBougainvilleCivilWarbet ween1988–1998.Over20,000peoplelosttheirlivesinthatconflict.T hePrimeMinisterofPNGsaid:"IaskforsometimeforthepeopleofPNGto absorbandprocessthisresult."Hesaidhisgovernmentwascommittedt oadheringtothepoll'sresult.

FREE WRITING

Write about **independence** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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ACADEMIC WRITING

More regions in the world should get their independence. Discuss.

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HOMEWORK

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. INDEPENDENCE: Make a poster about independence. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. NEW COUNTRIES: Write a magazine article about creating more new countries. 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 independence. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on what new regions should get their independence. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. The global family of nations
2. About two weeks
3. The vote was non-binding
4. Greater autonomy
5. 98%
6. The Solomon Islands
7. Around 250,000
8. 1975
9. The Bougainville Civil War
10. Time

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. The possible introduction of a new member.
2. Voted overwhelmingly for independence in a referendum.
3. The government does not have to pass it.
4. However, PNG gave the vote its full consent.
5. Nearly 98 per cent of them voted in favour.
6. It is geographically part of the Solomon Islands.
7. It has a population of around 250,000 people.
8. A decade before PNG was granted independence.
9. Over 20,000 lost their lives in that conflict.
10. His government committed to adhering to the poll.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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