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## **Level 0**

# **U.K. sending warships to Gibraltar**

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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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Britain will send warships to Gibraltar. They will stay for a few days. This is bad timing. Spain is not happy with Britain. Gibraltar put blocks in the sea to stop Spanish boats fishing. Spain wants people to pay to cross its border with Gibraltar. Britain is angry after Spain searched people at the border. It took six hours to cross the border.

Spain gave Gibraltar to Britain in 1713. It is important for Britain's navy. Gibraltar is very small. It is south of Cadiz. A lot of it looks like Britain. Most of its 30,000 people feel British. Spain wants Gibraltar back. Britain said Gibraltar's people must vote for this. Britain told Spain the Gibraltar problem was bad for their countries.

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# VOCABULARY MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                         |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Britain will send warships   | a. a few days           |
| 2. They will stay for           | b. to cross the border  |
| 3. bad                          | c. fishing              |
| 4. Spain is not happy           | d. cross its border     |
| 5. stop Spanish boats           | e. to Gibraltar         |
| 6. Spain wants people to pay to | f. with Britain         |
| 7. Spain searched               | g. timing               |
| 8. It took six hours            | h. people at the border |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Spain gave Gibraltar  | a. back                |
| 2. It is important for   | b. like Britain        |
| 3. It is south           | c. for their countries |
| 4. A lot of it looks     | d. to Britain in 1713  |
| 5. Most of its 30,000    | e. of Cadiz            |
| 6. Spain wants Gibraltar | f. Britain's navy      |
| 7. people must           | g. people feel British |
| 8. bad                   | h. vote for this       |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1308/130812-gibraltar-0.html>

Britain (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to Gibraltar. They will stay for a few days. This (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Spain is not happy with Britain. Gibraltar (3) \_\_\_\_\_ sea to stop Spanish boats fishing. Spain (4) \_\_\_\_\_ pay to cross (5) \_\_\_\_\_ Gibraltar. Britain is angry after Spain searched people at the border. (6) \_\_\_\_\_ to cross the border.

Spain gave Gibraltar (7) \_\_\_\_\_. It is important for Britain's navy. Gibraltar (8) \_\_\_\_\_. It is south of Cadiz. A (9) \_\_\_\_\_ Britain. Most of its 30,000 (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Spain wants Gibraltar back. Britain said Gibraltar's (11) \_\_\_\_\_ for this. Britain told Spain the Gibraltar problem (12) \_\_\_\_\_ countries.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## 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) \_\_\_\_\_

