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France recalls its ambassadors to Australia and US

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210920-ambassador-recall.html>

A major diplomatic spat has erupted after France recalled its ambassadors to Australia and the USA. The rift follows Australia cancelling an order for France to supply it with 12 conventional diesel-powered submarines. The deal was signed in 2016 and was worth \$37 billion in business to the French. Instead, Australia has opted to buy nuclear-powered submarines, reneging on the 2016 agreement. France's President Macron called the cancellation of the deal a "stab in the back" and a "betrayal" by Australia. Mr Macron also recalled France's top diplomat to the USA. He said the US and Australia were exploring "the possibility of future cooperation on nuclear-powered submarines".

A new, strategic security alliance between Australia, the UK and the USA is the cause of the split. The alliance is called AUKUS - an acronym based on the names of the three countries signed up to it. AUKUS means Australia will be provided with the technology to operate nuclear-powered submarines. France says it was only informed of the alliance hours before it was publicly announced to the world. France is the USA's oldest ally. The French foreign minister said his country's "exceptional decision" was because of the "exceptional gravity" of the situation. It is said AUKUS is to counter China's influence in the region. China accused the three AUKUS powers of displaying a "Cold War mentality".

Sources: <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/france-recalls-ambassadors-to-u-s-and-australia-in-response-to-aukus-nuclear-submarine-pact>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-58604677>
<https://edition.cnn.com/2021/09/17/politics/french-ambassador-to-the-us-recalled/index.html>

WARM-UPS

1. AMBASSADORS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about ambassadors. 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?

diplomatic spat / ambassador / rift / submarine / agreement / a stab in the back / strategic / alliance / acronym / technology / decision / influence / region / Cold War

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

3. ARMS REDUCTION: Students A **strongly** believe we should be reducing arms, not building more; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS: How are your country's diplomatic relations with these countries? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good	Needs Improving
USA		
UK		
Australia		
China		
Japan		
Brazil		

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

6. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important things to promote positive international relations at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Border security
- Sport
- Trade
- Religion
- Investment
- Culture
- Language
- Military cooperation

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------------|---|
| 1. spat | a. Made a choice from a range of possibilities. |
| 2. erupted | b. Broke a promise to someone in a disloyal way. |
| 3. conventional | c. An argument. |
| 4. opted | d. An official representing a country abroad. |
| 5. stab in the back | e. Broke out suddenly and dramatically. |
| 6. betrayal | f. Non-nuclear (when talking about weapons or power). |
| 7. diplomat | g. The act of being seriously disloyal to someone. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. alliance | h. The power to have an effect on the development or behaviour of someone or something. |
| 9. acronym | i. A group formed for mutual benefit, especially between countries or organizations. |
| 10. informed | j. An abbreviation made from the first letters of other words and pronounced as a word (e.g. NASA). |
| 11. exceptional | k. Extreme importance; seriousness. |
| 12. gravity | l. Unusual; not typical. |
| 13. counter | m. Gave someone facts or information. |
| 14. influence | n. Respond to hostile speech or action. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210920-ambassador-recall.html>

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

1. France recalled ambassadors to Australia, the USA and UK. **T / F**
2. Australia and France signed a submarine deal in 2016. **T / F**
3. The French president said Australia stabbed France in the back. **T / F**
4. The article says Australia and the UK will talk about future cooperation. **T / F**
5. There is a new alliance between Australia, the USA, UK and Canada. **T / F**
6. France was told about the alliance a week before the rest of the world. **T / F**
7. France is the oldest US ally. **T / F**
8. China said the actions of AUKUS were like something from the Cold War. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. major | a. chosen |
| 2. rift | b. seriousness |
| 3. conventional | c. serious |
| 4. opted | d. union |
| 5. betrayal | e. extraordinary |
| 6. alliance | f. breach of trust |
| 7. informed | g. disagreement |
| 8. exceptional | h. outlook |
| 9. gravity | i. traditional |
| 10. mentality | j. notified |

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

- | | |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1. A major diplomatic spat has | a. on the names |
| 2. The deal was signed in 2016 and | b. hours before |
| 3. reneging | c. cooperation |
| 4. a stab in the back and a | d. alliance |
| 5. the possibility of future | e. on the 2016 agreement |
| 6. A new, strategic security | f. erupted |
| 7. an acronym based | g. of the situation |
| 8. it was only informed of the alliance | h. mentality |
| 9. the exceptional gravity | i. betrayal by Australia |
| 10. displaying a Cold War | j. was worth \$37 billion |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210920-ambassador-recall.html>

A major diplomatic (1) _____ has erupted after France recalled its ambassadors to Australia and the USA. The rift follows Australia cancelling an order for France to (2) _____ it with 12 conventional diesel-powered submarines. The (3) _____ was signed in 2016 and was (4) _____ \$37 billion in business to the French. Instead, Australia has (5) _____ to buy nuclear-powered submarines, reneging on the 2016 agreement. France's President Macron called the cancellation of the deal a "(6) _____ in the back" and a "betrayal" by Australia. Mr Macron also recalled France's top (7) _____ to the USA. He said the US and Australia were exploring "the possibility of future (8) _____ on nuclear-powered submarines".

deal
opted
diplomat
spat
cooperation
worth
supply
stab

A new, strategic security (9) _____ between Australia, the UK and the USA is the (10) _____ of the split. The alliance is called AUKUS - an (11) _____ based on the names of the three countries signed up to it. AUKUS means Australia will be provided with the technology to operate nuclear-powered submarines. France says it was only (12) _____ of the alliance hours before it was publicly announced to the world. France is the USA's oldest (13) _____. The French foreign minister said his country's "exceptional decision" was because of the "exceptional (14) _____" of the situation. It is said AUKUS is to counter China's (15) _____ in the region. China accused the three AUKUS powers of displaying a "Cold War (16) _____".

gravity
cause
informed
mentality
alliance
influence
ally
acronym

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210920-ambassador-recall.html>

- 1) A major diplomatic spat has erupted after France _____
 - a. recalled its ambassadorial
 - b. recalled its ambassador
 - c. recalled its ambassadors
 - d. recalled its embassy doors
- 2) The rift follows Australia cancelling an order for France _____
 - a. two supply it
 - b. too supply it
 - c. to supply it
 - d. twos supply it
- 3) The deal was signed in 2016 and was worth \$37 _____
 - a. billion on business
 - b. billion an business
 - c. billion at business
 - d. billion in business
- 4) France's President Macron called the cancellation of the deal a "_____ back"
 - a. slab in the
 - b. scab in the
 - c. snub in the
 - d. stab in the
- 5) He said the US and Australia were exploring the possibility _____
 - a. of future cooperative
 - b. of future corporation
 - c. of future cooperation
 - d. of future operation
- 6) strategic security alliance between Australia, the UK and the USA is the cause _____
 - a. of the splitter
 - b. of the sprite
 - c. of the splat
 - d. of the split
- 7) an acronym based on the names of the three countries signed _____
 - a. top to it
 - b. tub to it
 - c. up to it
 - d. over to it
- 8) France says it was only informed of the alliance hours before it _____
 - a. was publicly announced
 - b. was publicly announce
 - c. was public announced
 - d. was publicity announced
- 9) his country's exceptional decision was because of the exceptional _____ situation
 - a. gravity to the
 - b. gravity of the
 - c. gravity on the
 - d. gravity or the
- 10) China accused the three AUKUS powers of displaying a "_____"
 - a. Warm War mentality
 - b. Hot War mentality
 - c. Cold War mentality
 - d. Tepid War mentality

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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A new, (7) _____ between Australia, the UK and the USA is the cause of the split. The alliance is called AUKUS - an (8) _____ the names of the three countries signed up to it. AUKUS means Australia will be provided with the technology to operate nuclear-powered submarines. France says it was (9) _____ the alliance hours before it was publicly announced to the world. France is the (10) _____. The French foreign minister said his country's "exceptional decision" was because of the "exceptional gravity" of the situation. It is said AUKUS is to counter China's (11) _____ region. China accused the three AUKUS powers of displaying a "(12) _____".

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210920-ambassador-recall.html>

1. How many diesel-powered subs did Australia order from France?
2. When was the deal between France and Australia originally signed?
3. How much was the original submarine deal worth?
4. What did France's president call the deal?
5. What are the USA and Australia exploring?
6. What is the name of the new strategic alliance?
7. When was France informed of the new alliance?
8. Who is the USA's oldest ally?
9. Who suggested the situation was exceptionally grave?
10. What did China say Australia, the USA and UK were displaying?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210920-ambassador-recall.html>

- 1) How many diesel-powered subs did Australia order from France?
 - a) 14
 - b) 10
 - c) 12
 - d) 16
- 2) When was the deal between France and Australia originally signed?
 - a) 2016
 - b) 2017
 - c) 2018
 - d) 2019
- 3) How much was the original submarine deal worth?
 - a) \$38 billion
 - b) \$37 billion
 - c) \$73 billion
 - d) \$83 billion
- 4) What did France's president call the deal?
 - a) a pain in the neck
 - b) a kick in the teeth
 - c) a slap round the face
 - d) a stab in the back
- 5) What are the USA and Australia exploring?
 - a) the bottom of the ocean
 - b) space
 - c) future cooperation
 - d) nuclear fusion
- 6) What is the name of the new strategic alliance?
 - a) AUSUK
 - b) AUKUS
 - c) USUKA
 - d) UKAUS
- 7) When was France informed of the new alliance?
 - a) days before it happened
 - b) as it happened
 - c) minutes before it happened
 - d) hours before it happened
- 8) Who is the USA's oldest ally?
 - a) Australia
 - b) France
 - c) China
 - d) the UK
- 9) Who suggested the situation was exceptionally grave?
 - a) China
 - b) France's foreign minister
 - c) the UK's leader
 - d) a submarine commander
- 10) What did China say Australia, the USA and UK were displaying?
 - a) a Cold War mentality
 - b) stupidity
 - c) aggression
 - d) diplomacy

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Sport

You think sport is the most important thing to promote positive international relations. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): trade, language or culture.

Role B – Trade

You think trade is the most important thing to promote positive international relations. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): sport, language or culture.

Role C – Language

You think language is the most important thing to promote positive international relations. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): trade, sport or culture.

Role D – Culture

You think culture is the most important thing to promote positive international relations. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): trade, language or sport.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210920-ambassador-recall.html>

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

ambassador	submarine

- 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:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• major• order• business• 2016• stab• top	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• new• based• hours• oldest• situation• three
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AMBASSADORS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about ambassadors 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.

DIPLOMACY 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 'ambassador'?
3. What do you know about the diplomatic rift?
4. How important are submarines?
5. Should France have recalled its ambassadors?
6. Was Australia right to cancel the order for France to build submarines?
7. How damaging could this rift be?
8. What are the consequences of countries reneging on deals?
9. How much of a 'stab in the back' is Australia's decision?
10. What advice do you have for the French government?

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DIPLOMACY 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 'submarine'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Would you be a good diplomat?
15. What do you think of the AUKUS alliance?
16. Could the rift affect how NATO operates?
17. How grave is the diplomatic rift?
18. Is AUKUS a reaction to China?
19. Are the AUKUS countries displaying a 'Cold War mentality'?
20. What questions would you like to ask Australia's government?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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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) spit | (b) spot | (c) spat | (d) spate |
| 2. | (a) rift | (b) raft | (c) loft | (d) lift |
| 3. | (a) in | (b) on | (c) at | (d) by |
| 4. | (a) opted | (b) raptured | (c) catered | (d) erred |
| 5. | (a) stub | (b) stab | (c) slab | (d) slob |
| 6. | (a) by | (b) as | (c) at | (d) on |
| 7. | (a) chasm | (b) cleft | (c) split | (d) bust |
| 8. | (a) as | (b) at | (c) of | (d) on |
| 9. | (a) informed | (b) reformed | (c) affirmed | (d) confirmed |
| 10. | (a) really | (b) ally | (c) allied | (d) all |
| 11. | (a) brevity | (b) gravity | (c) attraction | (d) breakage |
| 12. | (a) bemused | (b) recluse | (c) accused | (d) assuaged |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. A major diplomatic spat has puedret
2. dotpe to buy nuclear-powered submarines
3. giegrnne on the 2016 agreement
4. a "stab in the back" and a earbaytl
5. elnorpgxi the possibility
6. future apocnrnieot on nuclear-powered submarines

Paragraph 2

7. A new, strategic security alielacn
8. an anycmro based on the names
9. his country's teinelcxpa decision
10. the exceptional ritvagy of the situation
11. ueccasd the three AUKUS powers
12. displaying a Cold War aiytltnem

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () region. China accused the three AUKUS powers of displaying a "Cold War mentality".
- () ally. The French foreign minister said his country's "exceptional decision" was because
- () split. The alliance is called AUKUS - an acronym based on the names of the three countries signed
- () says it was only informed of the alliance hours before it was publicly announced to the world. France is the USA's oldest
- () recalled France's top diplomat to the USA. He said the US and Australia were
- (**1**) A major diplomatic spat has erupted after France recalled its ambassadors to Australia and the USA. The rift
- () up to it. AUKUS means Australia will be provided with the technology to operate nuclear-powered submarines. France
- () submarines. The deal was signed in 2016 and was worth \$37 billion in business to the French. Instead, Australia has opted
- () the cancellation of the deal a "stab in the back" and a "betrayal" by Australia. Mr Macron also
- () to buy nuclear-powered submarines, reneging on the 2016 agreement. France's President Macron called
- () A new, strategic security alliance between Australia, the UK and the USA is the cause of the
- () of the "exceptional gravity" of the situation. It is said AUKUS is to counter China's influence in the
- () exploring "the possibility of future cooperation on nuclear-powered submarines".
- () follows Australia cancelling an order for France to supply it with 12 conventional diesel-powered

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210920-ambassador-recall.html>

1. submarines . 12 Supply conventional diesel-powered it with
2. nuclear-powered has to Australia buy opted submarines .
3. cancellation was in stab The back . the a
4. the recalled France's top Macron diplomat USA . to
5. Australia exploring The US and were possibility . the
6. allies . traditional of cause split The between the
7. countries . three names on the the Based of
8. informed hours before . It alliance the was of
9. gravity the situation . of Because exceptional the of
10. a China accused mentality . them of War Cold

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210920-ambassador-recall.html>

A *major / majorly* diplomatic *spat / spit* has erupted after France recalled its ambassadors to Australia and the USA. The *raft / rift* follows Australia cancelling an order for France to supply it with 12 conventional diesel-powered submarines. The deal was *singed / signed* in 2016 and was worth \$37 billion in business to the French. Instead, Australia has *opted / option* to buy nuclear-powered submarines, renegeing *in / on* the 2016 agreement. France's President Macron called the cancellation of the deal *the / a* "stab in the back" and a "betrayal" / "betray" by Australia. Mr Macron also recalled France's top *diplomat / diplomacy* to the USA. He said the US and Australia were exploring "the possibility *to / of* future cooperation on nuclear-powered submarines".

A new, strategic security *ally / alliance* between Australia, the UK and the USA is the *cause / course* of the split. The alliance is called AUKUS - an acronym *based / biased* on the names of the three countries signed *down / up* to it. AUKUS means Australia will be provided *of / with* the technology to operate nuclear-powered submarines. France says it was only informed *to / of* the alliance hours before it was publicly announced *to / at* the world. France is the USA's oldest ally. The French foreign minister said his country's "exceptional decision" was because of the "exceptional gravity" of the *situation / situational*. It is said AUKUS is to *confer / counter* China's influence in the region. China accused the three AUKUS powers of displaying a "Cold War *mentality / mental*".

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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_ m_j_r d_pl_m_t_c sp_t h_s _r_pt_d _ft_r Fr_nc_
r_c_ll_d _ts _mb_ss_d_rs t_ __str_l__ _nd th_ _S_.
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210920-ambassador-recall.html>

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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

4. AUKUS: Write a magazine article about AUKUS being a threat to regional stability. Include imaginary interviews with people who agree with this and with people who disagree with it.

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 submarines. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make them better. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 T 3 T 4 F 5 F 6 F 7 T 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- 12
- 2016
- \$37 billion
- A stab in the back
- Future cooperation
- AUKUS
- Hours before it was announced
- France
- France's foreign minister
- A Cold War mentality

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Supply it with 12 conventional diesel-powered submarines.
- Australia has opted to buy nuclear-powered submarines.
- The cancellation was a stab in the back.
- Macron recalled France's top diplomat to the USA.
- The US and Australia were exploring the possibility.
- The cause of the split between traditional allies.
- Based on the names of the three countries.
- It was informed of the alliance hours before.
- Because of the exceptional gravity of the situation.
- China accused them of a Cold War mentality.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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