

The European Union


The unit about the EU has been devised using mixed methods: online interactive materials created by your teacher and paper handouts. Below, you will find a roadmap for the unit. You will do one speaking in interaction task and one continuous spoken production task at the end of this unit. You will also have a vocabulary test. Follow the link below to access the interactive activities and task pages:

<http://www.education-et-numerique.fr/0.3/activity/embed.html?id=5d4c720e3361eb02506ed3e1>

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LISTENING COMPREHENSION: BREXIT EXPLAINED TO CONFUSED AMERICANS

Watch the following video and do the quiz to check what you understood.



What makes Brexit a complex issue? (issue - problem)

- ☐ It is only a one-party issue
- ☐ It affects all parties and isn't binary

The Leave Campaign motto "take back control" is ironic because...

- ☐ ...we are living in chaotic times

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BREXIT TIMELINE

Read about Brexit events here and put the events in the right order (drag and drop).

The Referendum was scheduled by David Cameron - the then Prime Minister - on...	June 7, 2019
David Cameron was re-elected in...	July 13, 2016
Theresa May succeeded David Cameron on...	June 23, 2016
Article 50 was triggered in...	March 2017
Theresa May resigned on...	May 2016

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A CASE STUDY: GREECE AND THE EU



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A. Read the following key facts about Greece and then search for the information indicated to complete your file.

Greece's economic situation: a decade of recession; international assistance;

Youth unemployment: 47.6% of people under 25 were out of work in 2016 (source: CNBC)

Drops in salary following the crisis of 2010 which forced many adults to move back in with their parents because they couldn't pay their mortgage*.

One of the consequences is brain drain: people moving abroad in search of work.

Population: 10.8 million

Life expectancy: 78 years (men), 83 years (women)

Currency: euro

Unemployment in the private sector: 21.5 %

President since 2015: Prokipsis Pavlopoulos (1950) - centre-right New Democracy Party.

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