

Vocabulary Training: Unit 5 - The United Kingdom

Part 1: Politics and Relations

Choose the best verb to complete the historical context: *establish, damaged, forge, negotiated, strengthened*.

1. The UK sought to ****forge**** new alliances after leaving the EU.
2. The Good Friday Agreement was ****negotiated**** in 1998 to end "The Troubles".
3. Brexit has ****strengthened**** / ****damaged**** political relations between Scotland and England (depending on perspective).

Part 2: Regional Differences

Match the country to the context:

1. ****Northern Ireland**** -> History of conflict ("The Troubles"); debate over Irish unity.
2. ****Scotland**** -> Voted against Brexit; ongoing calls for independence.
3. ****Wales**** -> Strong focus on national identity and the Welsh language.

Part 3: The Commonwealth

Key historical points from Track 10:

- * ****Windrush Generation:**** Immigrants invited to rebuild the UK after WWII, later faced legal status scandals in 2018.
- * ****Aboriginal Australians:**** Critical view of the Empire due to oppression.
- * ****Monarchy:**** The 1975 Gough Whitlam crisis in Australia increased republican sentiment.

Grammar Focus: Adjectives vs. Adverbs

- * The conflict was ****bitterly**** (adv) painful.
- * The relations remained ****fiercely**** (adv) resentful.
- * They came ****dangerously**** (adv) close to a crisis.