

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.