

clear-cut	= definite	klar, eindeutig
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Topic 3: The UK – Tradition and Change

Words in Context: A Dynamic Country Steeped in Tradition		
(to) be steeped in sth.	The college is ~ tradition.	etw. spielt eine große Rolle, ~trächtig
national region	England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland are national ~s belonging to the United Kingdom.	Region, in der eine Nation lebt, z. B. Wales oder Schottland
island nation	Tonga is an ~ in the South Pacific.	Inselstaat
Empire	At its greatest the British ~ covered almost a quarter of the world.	Imperium; Kaiserreich
(to) be reckoned with	The football team's new manager, who took them from last place to top of the league, is a force to be ~ with .	ernstzunehmen sein
permanent member	'The coach just made me a ~ member of the team!'	ständiges Mitglied
United Nations Security Council	China is one of the five permanent members of the ~ Nations Security Council .	UN Sicherheitsrat, Sicherheitsrat der Vereinten Nationen
(to) exert influence on sb./sth.	Television programmes such as Mad Men exert great ~ on fashion trends.	Einfluss auf jdn./etw. ausüben
trendsetter	Amy Winehouse was the ~ for a new generation of singer-songwriters.	Trendsetter
time-honoured tradition	Ice swimming is a ~ tradition in Russia.	althergebrachte Tradition; altehrwürdige Tradition
constitutional monarchy	Like the UK, the Netherlands also has a ~ monarchy .	konstitutionelle Monarchie
Established Church	The ~ Church is the official religion in a country.	Staatskirche
Church of England	The C~ of England has voted in favour of women becoming bishops.	Anglikanische Kirche
monarch ['mɒnək ☆ 'mɑ:nərk]	Should a ~ have the right to be above the law?	Monarch; Herrscher
Archbishop of Canterbury	The ~ of Canterbury has appealed for funding for the restoration of the cathedral.	Erzbischof von Canterbury
(to) reign	The queen ~ ed over the country kindly.	herrschen; hier: auf die repräsentative Rolle des Monarchen bezogen
(to) rule (a country)	During the time Ivan the Terrible ~ d Russia many people were executed.	(ein Land) regieren
Government	The British ~ plans to introduce a minimum price for alcohol.	Regierung
Prime Minister	The ~ Minister will hold talks with state leaders this week.	Premierminister
Cabinet	The ~ discussed new immigration laws at the meeting today.	Kabinet, Ministerrat
Parliament	The British ~ has been criticised on its lack of checks on ministers' expenses.	Parlament

lower house	There are 646 MPs in the ~ house .	Unterhaus
House of Commons	There was a protest about father's rights outside the ~ of Commons today.	Bezeichnung des Unterhauses im Parlament des Vereinigten Königreiches
upper house	Members of the ~ house are not elected.	Oberhaus
House of Lords	The amendment was passed today in the ~ of Lords by 210 votes to 90.	Bezeichnung des Oberhauses im Parlament des Vereinigten Königreichs
inherited	When his grandfather died, Michael ~ his grandfather's watch.	geerbt
(to) be appointed to	She was ~ to the position of Chief Executive of the company.	ernannt werden
written constitution	= a document listing and limiting the powers of the government	schriftliche Verfassung
legal precedent	it consists of a body of laws and ~	Präzedenzfall
legislative power has been devolved ['ledʒɪslətɪv ☆ -lertɪv]	= the power to make laws has been transferred to a more local level	die Legislative wurde auf lokale Ebene übertragen
Scottish Parliament	Teenagers will address the Scottish ~ this week on the topic of education.	schottisches Parlament
national assembly	Wales and Northern Ireland are governed by national ~ies.	Nationalversammlung
devolution	In September 1997 Northern Ireland and Scotland voted in favour of ~.	Dezentralisierung; Machtübertragung
Supreme Court	= the highest court of a state	Oberster Gerichtshof
final court of appeals	= the court where a decision made by a lower court can be changed	Oberstes Berufungsgericht
constitutional court	= the court which deals with constitutional matters	Verfassungsgericht
constitutional reform	= change of the constitution with the intention to improve it	Verfassungsreform
school system	Uniform is just one point where British and American school ~s differ.	Schulsystem
national curriculum [kə'ɪkɪkjələm]	The government has recently changes the national ~ to include more modern technology.	zentraler Lehrplan
requirements	= things you must have	Anforderungen
to standardize	= (to) change things so they are similar	standardisieren
(to) eliminate inequalities	A compulsory minimum wage helps to eliminate ~.	Ungleichheiten aus der Welt schaffen
political reform	A leading UK think tank is urging ~ reform in order to overcome the crisis.	politische Reform
classless society	Early settlers in the US wanted to establish a classless ~.	klassenlose Gesellschaft
social status	Social ~ is very important to the Smith family.	gesellschaftliche Stellung

7A Looking for Mr Average

(to) be in debt	I was in ~ for a long time after leaving university.	verschuldet sein
statistic	S~s show that over £7.5 billion are spent	Statistik

	abroad by British tourists.	
pointless	= without sense	sinnlos, zwecklos
(to) range from ... to ...	The age of people in my knitting group ~s from 17 to 88.	sich erstrecken
overweight (<i>adj</i>)	Almost a quarter of the UK population may be ~.	übergewichtig
average person	In the UK the ~ person does not own a BMW.	Durchschnittsmensch
annoying (<i>adj</i>)	The talk was ~ly boring.	nervig, ärgerlich
(to) reveal sth. about sb./sth.	Your taste in clothes can ~ a lot about your personality.	etwas über jdn./etwas verraten
(to) match many criteria	I'm sorry, but unfortunately you don't match many ~ for the vacancy.	vielen Kriterien entsprechen
(to) narrow the search	We have found clues which will help us ~ the search.	die Suche eingrenzen
(to) specialize in sth.	I'd like to ~ in developing web pages when I leave school.	spezialisiert sein auf etwas
(to) stand out from the rest	'If you want to ~ out from the rest , you need to stop wearing grey clothing!'	aus der Masse herausstechen
outskirts (<i>pl</i>)	I've lived on the ~ of London for about 10 years.	Vorort; Stadtrand
reassuringly	'Don't worry, everything will be OK,' said her mother ~.	beruhigend
(to) become apparent	It has become ~ that he lied to everyone.	bekannt werden; sich herausstellen
virtual	I've ~ly finished my homework – I've only got one more paragraph to write.	so gut wie; quasi
(to) chime with	His plan to start an online magazine ~ with her plan to become a journalist.	übereinstimmen mit
recipe ['resəpi]	'Your plan is a ~ for success!'	(Koch-)Rezept; <i>hier:</i> Garantie
contentment	After the meal Carlos patted his stomach with a sigh of ~.	Zufriedenheit

7B A Humble People

self-assessment	= the process of judging your own progress or achievements	Selbsteinschätzung
inventive	He always had ~ excuses for not doing his homework.	einfallsreich
degenerate (<i>adj.</i>)	= having low moral standards	verkommen
irresponsible	Driving while using a mobile phone is extremely ~.	verantwortungslos
ill-educated	= having a bad education	schlecht ausgebildet
greedy	She's so ~ – she just ate all the sweets without offering me one.	(hab)gierig
rude	It is ~ not to say 'Please' and 'Thank you'.	unhöflich; rüpelhaft
self-esteem	I'd like to start an art course to help me build up my ~.	Selbstachtung, Selbstwertgefühl
(to) scratch	He ~ed his itching arm.	kratzen
composite term	= an expression made up of two or more parts	zusammengesetzte Bezeichnung
(to) come away with an	I went to London with ideas of a glamorous	einen Eindruck erhalten

impression	metropolis, but came away the ~ of a big, dirty city full of stressed out people.	
racial and religious tension	Many wars have been caused because of ~ and religious tension .	ethnische und religiöse Spannungen
(to) seethe	~ing with frustration	kochen, brodeln

7C Benjamin Zephaniah on Britain

(to) adapt	I've had to ~ to the cultural differences since moving here.	anpassen
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7D Britishness

beneficiary	= a person who gains or benefits	Begünstigter, Nutznießer
platitude	'It'll all work out in the end' is an example of a well-meant ~ .	Flachheit
scone	= a baked product that is halfway between cake and bread	Teegebäck

8 Fact File

constituencies	= electoral districts	Wahlkreise, Wahlbezirke
Chancellor of the Exchequer	= the minister responsible for all economic and financial matters	Finanzminister
Foreign Secretary	= the minister who is responsible for diplomatic relationships with other countries	Außenminister
Home Secretary	= the minister responsible for political concerns in England and Wales, including immigration and citizenship	Innenminister

8A The Queen

Diamond Jubilee	= a celebration of 60 years	sechzigjähriges Jubiläum
determination	To run a marathon, you need to be physically fit and have a lot of ~.	Entschlossenheit
dedication	When our teacher retired after 40 years in her job, she was honoured for her years of ~ to her students.	Hingabe, Engagement
humble	= not arrogant or proud	bescheiden
bleak	= depressing and hopeless	trostlos, düster

8B The Prime Minister

landslide victory	One political party got 80% of the votes, and won by a ~.	erdrutschartiger Sieg
(to) be regarded as sth.	The internet is ~ as an essential part of modern life.	für etw. gehalten werden
assembly	All the students came together on Monday afternoons for school ~.	Zusammenstellung

8C EXTRA The National Assemblies

devolution	= when central government gives power to local groups	Dezentralisierung, Übertragung
government policies	The people went to the streets in their thousands to protest against the new ~ policies .	politische Richtlinien; Regierungstaktiken
public services	I don't agree with the privatisation of public ~ such as healthcare.	öffentlicher Dienst
devolved government	There has been a ~ government in Scotland since 1999.	dezentralisierte Regierung

referendum	There are plans for a ~ on Scottish independence.	Volksbegehren, Bürgerentscheid
(to) transfer sth./sb. to sb./sth.	Mike was ~ed from one department to another.	jdn. versetzen; etwas an jdn./etwas übertragen
range	The supermarket offers a ~ of food.	Auswahl
administrative	The staff provided both technical and ~ support.	Verwaltungs-; administrativ

8D The European Union

scepter'd isle	= a phrase describing England, it is part of a long list of well-known phrases in praise of England	
sceptre	a decorated rod carried by a king or queen at ceremonies as a symbol of their power	Zepter
cautiously	The police officer walked towards the suspected bomb ~.	vorsichtig, mit Bedacht
frontier	The TV series Star Trek described space as the final ~.	Grenze
fortress	The soldiers made a ~ to protect themselves from the enemy.	Festung
breed	A dalmation is a particular ~ of dog, that has a white coat with black spots.	(Tier:) Zucht, Art; (Mensch:) Art, Schlag (allgem.:) Spezies

9A Making the World a Better Looking Place: Banksy

subversive	The ~ poster were designed to make the government look weak all politicians seem corrupt.	staatsfeindlich
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9B Shaken, not Stirred: James Bond

highest-grossing	= the film that makes the most money	umsatzstärkste
accompaniment	The cheese was a nice ~ to the wine.	Begleiterscheinung
(to) collide	The accident happened when a cyclist ~d with a car.	zusammenstoßen
(to) drown	It is important to have a high fence around a swimming pool, to prevent children falling and ~ing.	ertrinken
overdue (adj.)	I should have taken my book back to the library a week ago – now it is ~!	überfällig, ausbleiben
(to) crumble	I ~d my cookie onto my icecream, and enjoyed the crunchy taste!	zerbröseln, zerbröckeln
(to) burst	In the Monty Python film 'The Meaning of Life', a restaurant guest eats too much food and ~s.	zerplatzen, zerspringen

9C It's Not as Bad as You Think: Food and Drink

compulsive	= something that is too strong, that you cannot resist.	zwanghaft
savoury	= not sweet, salty	pikant
custard	= a sweet sauce made from cream, eggs and vanilla, that is eaten with cakes and desserts.	Vanillesoße
gravy	= a salty sauce that is eaten with meat and vegetables.	Soße, Bratensaft
stuffing	= a mixture of bread and spices that is put	Füllung

	inside chicken or turkey when it is roasting, to give the meat flavour.	
tips	Many waiters don't get paid very high wages, but live from the money they make in ~.	Trinkgeld
9D EXTRA Remember, remember the 5th of November		
Bonfire Night	~ Night is a traditional celebration in England that takes place on the 5 th November every year.	in der Bonfire Night am 5. November wird in GB mit Feuerwerk und der feierlichen Verbrennung einer Guy Fawkes-Puppe der missglückten Pulververschwörung aus dem Jahr 1605 gedacht