



Cheers and tears as the clock strikes Brexit

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Brexiteers got their long-awaited celebration late on Friday, but for remainers, it was a bleak moment

Britain leaves the EU divided over one of the most dramatic shifts in its recent history.

1. Nostalgia, patriotism and defiance _____

2. For its supporters, a long-awaited celebration outside parliament, _____

3-1. The United Kingdom _____

3-2. turning its back on the project _____

PRO-BREXIT SUPPORTER, NOVELIST, ALAN GOODING, 72, SAYING:

"I can't believe how we put up with Europe for so long as we did. All the insults they flung at us, our prime minister, our country, our queen. Now we're rid of them."

PRO-BREXIT SUPPORTER, GOLF CLUB MANAGER, DAVID BEAL, 50, SAYING:

"Yeah, relieved, no second referendum. Fantastic."

4. A different kind of party _____

BAR 'ALIOLI' OWNER PAUL DARWENT SAYING:

"It's a sad day for everybody and it was rather stay at home and be miserable or I thought, well c'mon let's get together, let's have a party."

5. Brexit is Britain's biggest shift _____

6. Remainers fear shrinking influence, _____

ARTIST CARMEN MYERS, BRITISH LIVING IN SPAIN, SAYING:

"I'm a widow today because I feel very sad about leaving the whole of Europe. It has been one of the great things in my life is belonging to Europe, being able to travel where I want."

7-1. Brexit weakens the European Union too,

7-2. though you wouldn't know it from this mock-up boxing match _____

7-3. staged _____

8. Boris Johnson was the one _____

9. Outside parliament in Scotland, _____

10. Epic opportunity or grave mistake — _____

11. Though the Union Jack came down in Brussels, _____

12. Britain enters a transition _____

[Vocabulary]

- patriotism:** strong feelings of love, respect, and duty toward your country
 - *He was a country boy who had joined the army out of a sense of patriotism and adventure.*
 - *We live in an age when patriotism is often sneered at.*
- defiance:** refusal to obey a person or rule
 - *Beef was reportedly exported from Britain in defiance of the ban.*
 - *She spoke with a tone of defiance.*
- strike:** to indicate (a certain time) by striking
 - *The town hall clock struck midnight.*
- Nigel Farage:** (born 3 April 1964) is a British politician. He has been leader of the Brexit Party since 2019, and served as Member of the European Parliament (MEP) for South East England from 1999 until the United Kingdom's exit from the EU in 2020.
- slip:** to become free, or to no longer be held by something
 - *The boat slipped its moorings and started to drift.*
- slip out of:** to move or go quietly, cautiously, or unobtrusively
 - Before I could say anything she had gathered her books and slipped out the door (= left quickly through the door).
- European Union:** an international organization of European countries formed after World War II to reduce trade barriers and increase cooperation among its members, consisting of Belgium, France, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Germany, Denmark, Greece, Ireland, the United Kingdom, Spain, Portugal, Austria, Finland, Sweden, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania, and Croatia
- turn one's back on:** to turn away from in anger or contempt; to refuse to help; abandon
 - *She turned her back on me.*

□ **put up with**: to accept someone or something unpleasant in a patient way

- *How has Jan put up with him for so long?*
- *I will not put up with your bad behavior any longer!*

□ **fling at**: to throw something roughly or carelessly at someone or something.

- *Don't just fling that paper at the wastebasket, hoping it will get there!*

□ **referendum**: an occasion when everyone in a country can vote to make a decision about one particular subject

- *The government has promised to hold a referendum on the issue.*
- *The province held a referendum to decide the trade issue.*

□ **expat**: = expatriate; someone who lives in a country that is not their own country;

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- *Prague has a large population of American expats.*

□ **shift**: a change in something, for example in someone's ideas or opinions

- *the government's latest major policy shift*

□ **global empire**: the concept of imperial domination of the world or the world, belonging to the super imperialist category, often a mighty country with a vast and influential territory around the world.

□ **remainer**: one who remains

□ **shrink**: to make something smaller in amount, value, or range

- *The company's profit margins shrank from 32.5 percent to 17 percent.*
- *Numbers of butterflies are shrinking rapidly as the environment changes.*

□ **shrinking**: becoming less or smaller

□ **mock-up**: full-scale working model of something built for study or testing or display

- *You can see the new mock-up workstations here.*

□ **Ursula von der Leyen**: (born 8 October 1958) a German politician and the President of the European Commission since 1 December 2019. She served in the federal government of Germany from 2005 to 2019 as the longest-serving member of Angela Merkel's cabinet.

□ **reel**: to move in a way that is not steady, for example because of being drunk; to feel very shocked, upset, or confused

- *He reeled under the force of the punch.*

□ **pro-**: supporting something or approving of it: used with some nouns and adjectives

- *pro-democracy*
- *pro-European*

□ **rally**: a public meeting that a lot of people go to in order to support someone or something or to protest against someone or something

- *He was shot dead at an election rally.*

□ **epic**: very imposing or impressive; surpassing the ordinary (especially in size or scale)

- *They were engaged in an epic struggle against poverty and ignorance.*

- **Union Jack:** national flag of the United Kingdom
- **transition:** the process of changing from one situation, form, or state to another
 - *We are in the process of transitioning our program, which includes reducing our staff.*
- **in all but name:** In every way except for how someone or something is named or described.
 - *Forced labor is slavery in all [everything] but name.*
 - *If you have kids and a mortgage together, you're pretty much married in all but name.*

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