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U.K. sending warships to Gibraltar

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THE READING

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Britain is sending ten warships to Gibraltar. The ships are going to the Middle East. People think this is bad because relations between Britain and Spain aren't so good. Spain got angry after Gibraltar put concrete blocks in the sea to stop Spanish boats fishing. Spain said it might start charging 50 euros to cross its border with Gibraltar. Tensions increased after Spain started terrorism searches at the border. People waited for six hours to cross the border.

Spain gave Gibraltar to Britain in 1713. It is important for Britain's navy. Gibraltar is just 6.8 square kilometers. It is south of Cadiz. The 430-meter-tall Rock of Gibraltar is in the center. Most of Gibraltar's 30,000 people feel British. A lot of Gibraltar looks like Britain. Spain wants Gibraltar back. Britain said this could happen if Gibraltar's people voted for it. The British leader told the Spanish leader that this issue created bad relations between their countries.

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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|-----------------------|
| 1. going to | a. aren't so good |
| 2. relations between Britain and Spain | b. 50 euros |
| 3. stop Spanish boats | c. terrorism searches |
| 4. it might start charging | d. the border |
| 5. tensions | e. fishing |
| 6. Spain started | f. for six hours |
| 7. People waited | g. increased |
| 8. cross | h. the Middle East |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Spain gave Gibraltar | a. 30,000 people feel British |
| 2. It is south | b. like Britain |
| 3. The 430-meter- | c. voted for it |
| 4. Most of Gibraltar's | d. tall Rock of Gibraltar |
| 5. A lot of Gibraltar looks | e. of Cadiz |
| 6. Britain said this | f. between their countries |
| 7. if Gibraltar's people | g. could happen |
| 8. created bad relations | h. to Britain |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Britain is (1) _____ to Gibraltar. The ships are going to (2) _____. People think this is bad because relations between Britain and Spain aren't so good. Spain got angry after Gibraltar (3) _____ in the sea to stop Spanish boats fishing. Spain said it might start charging 50 euros (4) _____ with Gibraltar. (5) _____ Spain started terrorism searches at the border. People (6) _____ to cross the border.

Spain gave Gibraltar to Britain in 1713. It is important for Britain's navy. Gibraltar is (7) _____ kilometers. It is south of Cadiz. The (8) _____ Rock of Gibraltar is in the center. Most of Gibraltar's (9) _____ British. A lot of Gibraltar looks like Britain. Spain wants Gibraltar back. Britain (10) _____ if Gibraltar's (11) _____. The British leader told the Spanish leader that this issue created bad (12) _____ countries.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

WRITING

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Write about **Gibraltar** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.
