

CrossTalk

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BREXIT

I voted for the UK to leave the EU. My reasons for voting were basically that I think there are too many immigrants arriving from other EU countries like Poland and Romania. This means that the population is increasing by the size of my home city every year. Services like hospitals, schools, housing and the welfare system are feeling the strain. And you might say that English culture itself is under threat. I say "might" because it is easy to feel fear about uncontrolled immigration and feel threatened. Is it really that important?

Another major reason for my decision to vote Leave was that the EU, based in Brussels, Belgium has wrested more and more power away from the UK over the years. In leaving, the UK would win back some of its sovereignty, where the government has more say in things like law making, farming and fishing rights. Why have our own parliament while effectively being run by the EU?

But the downside is that jobs may be lost as companies relocate due to worsening market conditions, uncertainty and higher tariffs on exports and imports. The way I see it, the British government must think of ways to help people who lose their jobs, like having the vision and ideas to revive British manufacturing industries like car making.

The problem is, it's showing no signs of offering a viable, alternative future for the country.

The politicians

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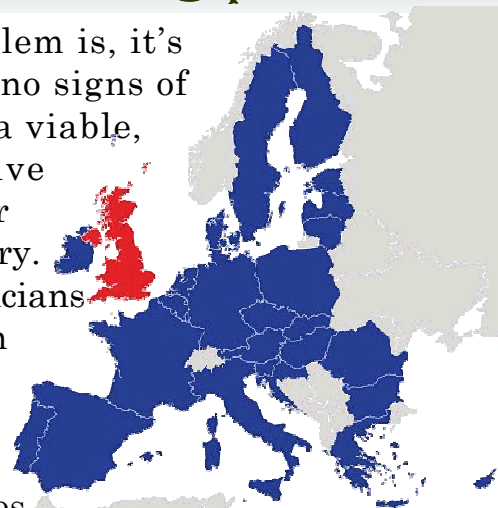
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of their own self importance and fermenting disillusionment among the masses (public). Why not announce concrete plans for a better future, where migration can continue but under stricter control?

Meanwhile, the talking continues, failed negotiation after failed negotiation. The incompetence of our leaders is somewhat laughable. So much so a famous artist, Banksy, painted this picture. Nice one, Banksy!!



Article by Kevin

Net News

NET LESSONS: Too busy to come to CROSSROADS?

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BREXIT in detail here: <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-32810887>

Some Thoughts for the Month



Joshua Says: Sometimes it's better to go back before going forward in order to achieve the goals you set yourself in life. You know, in a "two steps forward, one step back" kind of way. In the case of studying English, consolidation and review between lessons of the work you've done in class will benefit you greatly and is much better than forgetting all about English until the next time you turn up for class.

Junko Says: Through SNS, people share knowledge and information with many others. And now this "sharing" idea is moving in the direction of sharing things. For example, there is a site where you can lend things you don't use (and make a little money) and borrow things you need, inexpensively. In Australia, some old people are lending out rooms to young people free of charge. They receive help and the young people get a comfortable living environment to live in. A win-win situation!



Kevin Says: People say that learning a language is fun. I don't know about that, I actually find it quite difficult and at times a million miles from fun. What I do get a buzz off is getting to know people. If we can continue to cross cultural divides or understand each other better through the use of language then great, I'm all for it. In studying a language we learn more about a particular culture and that can only be good.

Darrin Says: The 1999 Rugby World Cup was hosted by Wales with matches played in England, France, Scotland and Ireland. There were further changes to the rules of automatic qualification for this tournament, where only the top three places from 1995, along with the host nation, automatically qualified. Sixty-five rugby nations participated in qualifying competitions for the 1999 tournament, and the participating nations increased from 16 to 20. France's shock 43-31 semifinal win over the All Blacks is regarded as one of the biggest upsets and also one of the best games in the history of the World Cup. Australia defeated France in the final 35-12. They therefore became the first nation to win the World Cup twice.



Mandey dit: Quelle surprise ce mois-ci!! Le président du Brésil Bolsonaro a dit sur Twitter que Brigitte Macron était *moche*. Je pense que ce n'est ni élégant ni gentleman de parler à une dame comme cela. De plus, je la trouve très belle et élégante. L'amour n'a pas d'âge et la beauté est dans l'œil de celui qui regarde. Qui plus est, la forêt amazonienne a beaucoup brûlé cet été !! C'est très dangereux pour la planète et l'environnement!! La forêt amazonienne est le poumon du monde, environ 20% de l'oxygène de la planète. Le président brésilien doit prendre soin de la forêt et prendre ses responsabilités. Pour le futur de nos enfants.

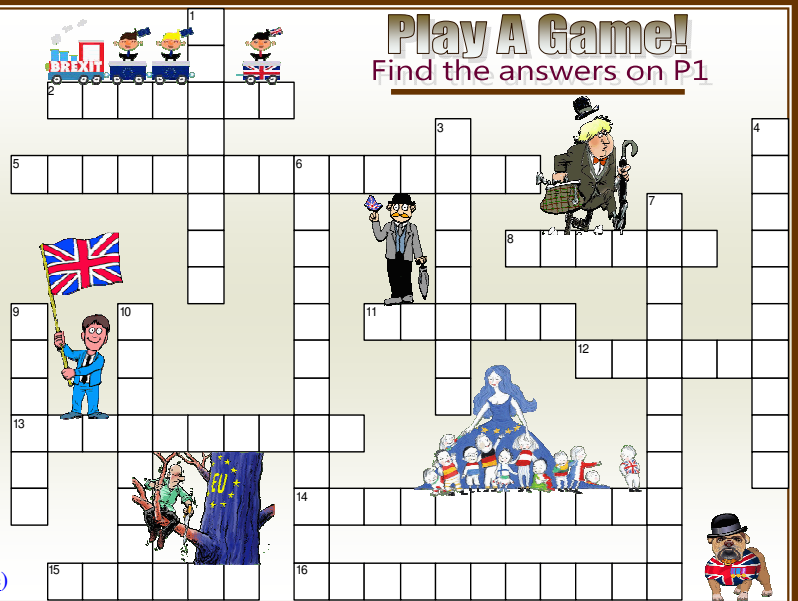
ACROSS

- 2 government taxes on imports and exports
- 5 disappointment, not up to expectations
- 8 seeing with foresight and perception
- 11 capable of being done
- 12 a source of danger
- 13 people living permanently in foreign countries
- 14 discussion towards an agreement
- 15 test to the limit
- 16 in actuality, reality

DOWN

- 1 vague, pointless talking at length
- 3 become established in a new location
- 4 causing an agitated or excited state
- 6 lack of ability
- 7 government free from external control
- 9 give new lift to something
- 10 more severely enforced

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Play A Game!
Find the answers on P1

