**BREXIT**

(formed by the words BRITAIN + EXIT)

**WHY?**

* Decided by a referendum in June 2016 (52% voted for Brexit)

**REGIONS**

* England and Wales voted for Brexit, Scotland and Northern Ireland voted to remain

**PARTIES**

* Only the UK Independence Party supported Brexit
* The other parties, other European politicians and Obama wanted Britain to remain

**FIRST CONSEQUENCE:** The Prime Minister (David Cameron) resigned and the new Prime Minister was Theresa May (both belong to the Conservative Party)

**REASONS TO LEAVE:**

- They say the UK have to pay too much money and to respect too many rules

* They want to make its own laws again
* They want full control on its borders and reduce the number of immigrants

**REASONS TO REMAIN:**

* They say the UK have big advantages from the UE (it is easier to sell and buy products and to travel)
* Immigrants, who are young, well-educated and want to work, help the economy
* The UK alone is less powerful than in the UE

**WHEN?**

**According to the Treaty of Lisbon, the UK had to leave in March 2019, but Brexit was postponed to 31st October 2019**

**After the deal with the UE was rejected by the Parliament, Theresa May resigned on 7th June 2019. The Conservative Party will choose another leader and Prime Minister**

**IMPORTANT THINGS TO DECIDE:**

1. Situation of the British citizens in Europe and of the European citizens in the UK
2. The money the UK will pay to the UE to leave
3. The border between Northern Ireland (that is a region of the UK) and Ireland (which is in the EU)
4. Transition period and future relationships between the UE and the UK