

Brexit shorts

VIDEO 1 <https://www.theguardian.com/stage/ng-interactive/2017/jun/19/brexit-shorts-just-a-tshirt-meera-syal-video>

VOCABULARY Find the odd one out in each row

- | | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 1. clue | manifestation | giveaway | theme |
| 2. engagement party | hen night | birthday bash | wedding reception |
| 3. smutty | hazy | vague | fuzzy |
| 4. struggle | scrounger | fight | grapple |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

- In what situation do we encounter the speaker? Where is she and why has she ended up here?
- What do we learn about the speakers' family history?
- How did she vote in the Brexit referendum?
- Who's Paul?
- What two types of immigrants does the speaker distinguish? Does she identify with either type?
- What is the speaker reporting? What role did the t-shirt she mentions play in the incident? What was written on the t-shirt?
- Is there a happy ending to the story?

VIDEO 2 <https://www.theguardian.com/stage/ng-interactive/2017/jun/19/go-home-brexit-shorts-charlene-james-dean-fagan>

VOCABULARY Read the sentences and work out what the underlined expressions mean from the context.

1. Before I introduced Tom to my parents I was afraid my dad wouldn't like him, but they hit it off right away. They probably bonded over their passion for science fiction.
2. People who organize dog fights are scum in my opinion! They should be all locked away!
3. You'll be there tomorrow – you won't let me down, will you? I won't be able to manage it without you!
4. He'd been in a coma for six months, and doctors had almost given up on him.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

- What's the relationship between the speaker and Hannah? How did they first meet?
- What issue proved to be a bone of contention* in their relationship? Why?
- Is there a happy ending?

**a reason for disagreement between them*

VIDEO 3 <https://www.theguardian.com/stage/ng-interactive/2017/jun/26/brexit-shorts-the-end-by-abi-morgan-starring-penelope-wilton-video>

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

- What metaphor is used here to outline the road to Brexit?
- How do you think the protagonist voted in the referendum?

VOCABULARY Before watching the video, read the sentences below and match the underlined phrases to their definitions. As you watch the short film, listen out for the expressions on the left hand side.

There's only so many babies being born.

to work or live together in a satisfactory way

We thrashed things out.

to upset someone, make them angry

Is that such a bad thing – rubbing along?

used to say that there are limits to something

You'll get over it.

to prevent someone from doing something bad

It kept me in line.

it will be very expensive

That got to me.

to solemnly promise to do something

That's when I vowed he'd pay.

used to say that once a person has done or decided something it cannot be changed

This is gonna kick you where it hurts.

to do or say something to someone that will upset them as much as possible

It'll cost (you).

to reconcile oneself to sth, to become accustomed to

There's no coming back from this.

to discuss a problem in detail until you find a solution

DISCUSSION

1. Did you expect such an outcome of the Brexit vote or did it come as a surprise to you?
2. Which of the three speakers in the short films do you empathise with the most?
3. Once Britain leaves the EU, do you think that other member states will follow suit?