



THE UNITED KINGDOM

Glossary

United Kingdom	to change	to stand
to do away	to attack	to glitter
to reflect	to be driven by	to team
to flee, fled, fled	to become disillusioned	to be hired
to be fired	to be prepared	to spend
to remain	England	Britain
signs of rebirth	doldrums	go getting
recovery	self-assurance	the Prime Minister
trade union power	dependency culture	a tremendous sense
confidence	low inflation	economic prospects
painful changes	a spirit of adventure	migrants
high taxes	red tape	the cost of living
accommodation	the weakest links	a booming country
highly successful	beyond all recognition	even though
abroad	where it's at	demoralized
the grass is greener	light	prohibitive
ultimately		

And now a dialogue between Wentworth and Sarah...

Wentworth: Today, I'd like to talk about the highly successful country of the United Kingdom. Sarah, what can you tell us about England?

Sarah: Britain has changed beyond all recognition. Signs of rebirth abound across the country. In the doldrums thirty years ago, go-getting Britain stands today as a model of recovery and self-assurance.

Wentworth: It's true. In her 11 years as Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher did away with trade union power and attacked the dependency culture. As a result, there's a tremendous sense of confidence in the country today. Even though low inflation and unemployment, glittering economic prospects reflect years of painful changes.

Sarah: In my opinion, for those who are driven by a spirit of adventure and who are prepared to take their talents abroad, Britain is where it's at. Actually, London is teeming with French economic migrants who have fled their country, demoralized by high taxes and red tape.

Wentworth: I agree with you. However, immigrants think the grass is greener in Britain, but they sometimes become disillusioned as employment protection is liked in Britain. It is easy to be hired but it is just as easy to be fired. Moreover, the cost of living in London is prohibitive. Be prepared to spend a fortune on accommodations.



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Sarah: Ultimately, health care and education remain the weakest links of a booming country.