**Actuele lesbrief Engels – The European Union**

**Voor de docent**

Van 6 tot 9 juni 2024 werden de verkiezingen voor het Europees Parlement gehouden. Het Europees Parlement is de rechtstreeks verkozen volksvertegenwoordiging van de Europese Unie.

**ERK-niveau**

Lezen B1

*Oriënterend lezen: Kan relevante informatie vinden en begrijpen in brochures en korte officiële documenten op internet of in andere media. (LEB1-2a)*

*Lezen om informatie op te doen: Kan (belangrijke) feitelijke informatie begrijpen in korte verslagen en artikelen. (LEB1-3a)*

Leesstrategieën - *Kan de betekenis van zo nu en dan voorkomende onbekende woorden afleiden uit de context en de betekenis van zinnen herleiden, op voorwaarde dat het besproken onderwerp bekend is.*

*Why the European Union was created.*

Assignment 1

You may use English-language Internet sources or a dictionary to help you.

a Write down the English names of at least 5 countries that are part of the European Union.  
If you don’t know the English name of a country, then look it up.

**The European Union**

Last week, the election of the parliament for the EU took place.

The European elections are one of the biggest democratic elections in the world.

EU stands for European Union.

[Read about some key facts about the European Union](https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/European-Union/353111).

Assignment 2

Find the words in the text.

Connect the words and expressions that have the same meaning.

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| 1. avoid | *a.* a black or dark brown kind of rock within the earth that is used as a fuel (*brandstof*) |
| 2. future wars | *b.* to do one thing to make sure another thing will not happen |
| 3. coal | *c.* energy that is produced by a nuclear reactor |
| 4. steel | *d.* fighting and conflicts between countries that might happen at a later time |
| 5. community | *e.* given a prize or some other reward |
| 6. cooperate | *f.* a group of countries that have the same interests and are working together |
| 7. nuclear power | *g.* the individual nations that belong to an international organization |
| 8. members | *h.* made a change from one thing to another |
| 9. switched | *i.* the money that a country uses |
| 10. currency | *j.* people or things that belong to a group or an organization |
| 11. awarded | *k.* a very strong, hard metal |
| 12. member countries | *l.* to work together |

Assignment 3

a Why did some European countries decide to work together?

1 To avoid future wars.

2 To get rid of taxes and rules.

3 To help each other.

4 To produce nuclear power.

b What happened first? What happened next?  
Put the events in the correct order.

1 The EC was formed.

2 Euratom was set up.

3 The euro was introduced.

4 The European Union was formed.

5 Six countries brought together their coal and steel businesses.

6 World War II ended.

c When was the European Union formed?

1 In 1952.

2 In 1991.

3 In 1993.

4 In 1999.