**Actuele lesbrief Engels – Fishy Business**

**Voor de docent**

Het conflict over visrechten tussen de Britten en Fransen in Jersey loopt hoog op.

**ERK-niveau**

*Lezen B2 – Lezen om informatie op te doen: Kan artikelen en verslagen over hedendaagse problemen begrijpen, waarin de schrijvers bepaalde stellingen of standpunten innemen. (LEB2-3a)*

Leesstrategieën – *Kan gebruikmaken van uiteenlopende strategieën om tot tekstbegrip te komen, waaronder het letten op hoofdpunten.* – *Kan van minder frequente woorden en uitdrukkingen de betekenis controleren door gebruik te maken van websites, (online) fora en eentalige woordenboeken.*

**Intro**

Brexit troubles: France and Britain are fighting over fishing rights.

Assignment 1

Read the assignment and write down the answers in English. You may use English-language Internet sources to help you.

a Speaking of England, what do we mean when we say “the Channel”?

b Name the five largest Channel Islands.

**Fishy Business**

Fishermen are feeling the consequences of Brexit.

Read about it [here](https://news.sky.com/story/french-fisherman-says-the-post-brexit-fishing-agreement-is-unfair-and-unsustainable-12304437).

Assignment 2

Read the text. For each definition, find the word or expression it describes in the text and write it down.

1. to pay (someone) back or take revenge
2. official rules
3. the parts of a rope that hang loosely
4. an official document which gives you permission to do, use, or own something
5. special fishing nets that are dragged across the sea floor
6. small creatures that live in the sea and have a shell
7. the total number of fish caught
8. fresh food
9. to specify
10. to calculate roughly, to guess
11. nearness, closeness
12. in a polite and friendly way
13. situation that things carry on as they were
14. made suitable or organized to best fit
15. continuing to happen

Assignment 3

a Choose the best summary.

1 British fishermen have fished in French waters for centuries, but now things are difficult because of Brexit.

2 French and British fishermen are unhappy because Brexit means they cannot fish in Jersey’s waters any longer.

3 French fishermen have fished in Jersey’s waters for a long time, but now things are difficult because of Brexit.

4 To protest new licensing rules, British fishermen have sailed out of Jersey’s waters on more than 50 boats.

b True or false.

1 Before Brexit, all French boats fished in Jersey's waters for at least 100 days a year.

2 The men on the Cap Lihou fishing boat sift through everything they catch by hand.

3 Often the shellfish in Jersey’s waters is bigger than that in in less deep waters.

4 The British authorities issue fishing licenses for French boats, not for the captains.

5 French boats can get a British licence based on how many days they fish near Jersey.

6 The European Union is supporting the interests of the French fishermen.

c About Captain Baptiste Guenon the article says: “Fishing for him is more than just a livelihood.”   
What does this mean?

1 Baptiste Guenon is afraid that he will lose his lively friendships with the British fishermen.

2 Captain Baptiste Guenon has to fish so his children can later follow in his footsteps.

3 For Baptiste Guenon, fishing is not just a way to earn money, but part of his identity.

4 The French captain does not only catch live fish, but also dead things like sand and seaweed.