Know your Unions!

Activity 1
With your partner discuss the meaning of the following saying.

United we stand, divided we fall.

Activity 2
Put the following words into the correct columns below, according to the pronunciation of the letter ‘u’.

Look at the examples first.

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Activity 3
Complete the following sentences with the words 'a' or 'an'.

1. Have you ever seen ............... UFO? What would you do if you saw one?
2. Do you know what ............ URL is?
3. Are you ..................... unambitious person? Why/not?
4. Have you ever travelled in ..................... underground train?
5. Do you know anyone who is ................... unemotional sort of person?
6. Have you ever worn ...................... uniform? Why did you wear it?
7. Are you ...................... untidy person?
8. Would you prefer to live in the countryside or in .................. urban area? Why?
9. Would you ever buy ..................... used car? Why/not?
10. Do you ever have ................. urge to stop coming to your English lessons?

Activity 4
Ask your partner the questions in Activity 3.

Activity 5
Use the following questions to start a conversation with your partner.

1. How powerful are the unions in your country?
2. When and why were the unions in your country set up?
3. What are the benefits (for the individual) of belonging to a union?
4. What are the benefits (for your country) of having unions?
5. What problems can occur when a union becomes too powerful?
6. How often do unions go on strike in your country?
7. How would life be different for workers if there were no unions?
Activity 6
Go to EnglishClub.com and click on the ‘TP Homework’ icon. Use the information you find there to answer the questions below.

1. What example of industrial action does the TP Homework give?
2. ‘At one time the punishment for organizing a trade union was death’. True or False?
3. What is the answer to the Quick Quiz?

Activity 7

‘Unions do more harm to the economy than good.’

If you would like to express your opinion on this subject go to EnglishClub.com and click on the ‘TP Discussion’ icon to take part in the forum discussion there.

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