

READING: Read the text about Gibraltar. Then, tell it to your partner/class using the words in bold:

GIBRALTAR

(Taken from The Washington Post)

In 1704, an expeditionary force led by the British **captured** the **narrow strip of land** by the Rock during the complicated War of the Spanish Succession. That conflict ended in 1713 with a series of peace treaties signed in the Dutch city of Utrecht. One of those documents gave Gibraltar to Britain (it was **linked** to a perhaps more important **deal** at the time — a contract that gave Britain an exclusive right to supply Spanish colonies with African slaves for the next three decades).

This treaty stated that Gibraltar's “town, castle and fortifications were to be **held** and enjoyed forever without any exception or impediment whatsoever.” Given the peninsula's location, it **provided** the British **with** a strategic point from which to control or interfere with sea traffic in the Mediterranean. Almost immediately, **challenges** to British control emerged. The Dutch, whose troops had **taken part** in the 1704 invasion, had their own **claims** subdued by British diplomats. Spain **attempted** to **retake** the territory at various points in the 18th century.

- * **Capture:** capturar.
- * **Narrow:** estrecho.
- * **Strip of land:** franja de tierra.
- * **War:** guerra.
- * **Peace treaty:** tratado de paz.
- * **Sign:** firmar.
- * **Dutch:** holandes.
- * **Link:** vincular.
- * **Deal:** acuerdo.

- * **Right:** derecho.
- * **Supply:** suministrar.
- * **Slave:** esclavo.

- * **State:** plantear, exponer.
- * **Hold - held:** mantener, sostener, agarrar.
- * **Provide with:** proveer, proporcionar.

- * **Challenge:** desafío.
- * **Take part:** participar.
- * **Claim:** reivindicación.

- * **Attempt:** intentar.
- * **Retake:** reconquistar.