

The Story

Talks resume today between Britain and the European Union as they try to agree a post-Brexit trade deal. It's unclear when the discussions might conclude.

Negotiators from each side have been giving differing interpretations of what stage they are at.

Vocabulary

one last push

one final effort

- **With one last push, the company is confident it can reach a deal.**
- **I know you're tired, but after this last push your exams will all be finished.**

hang in the balance

remain in an uncertain state

- **The president's political survival hangs in the balance.**
- **The prospect of reaching a deal is hanging in the balance.**

on a knife edge

in an important situation, with two different results possible

- **The race to be president is on a knife edge right now!**
- **The doctor told the family that their father's survival was on a knife edge after the surgery.**