



**SARDEGNA SPEAKS ENGLISH**  
LINEA DI INTERVENTO 1  
REALIZZAZIONE DI PROGETTI PER L'APPRENDIMENTO DELL'INGLESE  
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## LESSON 1: HUNDRED YEARS' WAR

### Reorder events chronologically

1337-1360	French drive English out (except Calais)	A
1360-1407	More English victories	B
1407-1429	French drive English back	C
1429-1453	English victories	D

### How the long wars between France & England started.

Fighting started in the Hundred Years' War because the Kings of England - descendants of William the Conqueror who still spoke French - wanted to rule France as well. France was temptingly weak and divided. It began with the English King already ruling a large part of France it ended with him ruling hardly any, but with what is now Nord - Pas de Calais split off under foreign rule for several centuries.

### The English claim

It began in 1328, when the French king died with no children. The English king Edward III actually had a good "claim" to inherit the French throne. Edward's claim was through his French mother, Eleanor, who was the dead French king's aunt. It was usual for medieval royal families to intermarry like this, always seeking to make alliances.

### The French split

French nobles faced a choice: who would give them more power and independence in their own lands - a French King in Paris who they had helped into power, or a distant English King ruling often from London? The first faction rushed to crown a French cousin whose claim was not as good as Edward's. With their new king, they attacked Edward's lands in SW France (Aquitaine) and in 1337, Edward III declared war. The other faction allied with Edward. Counts of Flanders tended to take England's side against France in any conflict, because of links with England in the vital wool trade. Powerful lords in other outlying regions such as Brittany and Normandy feared the ambitions of those who wanted a stronger centralized French kingdom. They allied with the English. to help keep their independence

Read the questions and tick the correct <b>true/false</b> box	T	F
1. One of the causes of the Hundred years' war was the desire of the English king to govern France.		
2. Edward III had a justified pretence to the throne		
3. The French Lords supported the two factions		
4. The new king attacked Edward's lands in England		
5. The Counts of Flanders were allied of the King of England		
6. The Count of Flanders was a feud of the king of France		
7. The wool trade with England was considered fundamental by the Flemish Counts		
8. The Lords of Normandy and Brittany weren't scared of a centralized French Kingdom		