



UK economy shrinks in April after car plants closed, expecting Brexit

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Britain's economy contracted sharply in April after the biggest decline in car production since records began, as manufacturers were unable to reverse closures planned to coincide with Britain's expected departure from the EU.

- 1-1. Britain's economy _____
- 1-2. driven by _____
- 2-1. The economy _____
- 2-2. the biggest drop since March 2016 _____
3. Manufacturing was down 3.9%, _____
- 4-1. While car production fell _____
- 4-2. the biggest fall _____
5. Manufacturers couldn't reverse closures _____
6. The motor industry had planned _____
7. BMW closed _____
8. Peugeot's Vauxhall car factory and Jaguar Land Rover also brought forward _____
- 9-1. But Prime Minister Theresa May _____
- 9-2. and a new date _____
10. Britain's economy has lost momentum _____

11. Before that _____

12-1. Even so, the job market _____

12-2. and at least some Bank of England policymakers think _____

[Vocabulary]

☐ **contract:** to become smaller; if a substance such as metal contracts, it becomes smaller

- The economy contracted at an annual rate of 0.6 percent, after adjusting for inflation.

☐ **drive:** to force someone into a bad situation or state

- *People are being driven to violence by police action.*

☐ **decline:** a reduction in the amount or quality of something

- *There's been a decline in the youth labor force of about 2 and half million people.*

☐ **shrink:** to become smaller in amount, value, or range

- *The company's profit margins shrank from 32.5 percent to 17 percent.*

☐ **manufacturing:** the business of making goods in large quantities in a factory

☐ **manufacturer:** a person or company that manufactures a product

- *The electronics manufacturer released a new line of stereos.*

☐ **reverse:** to change the order or development of events, a process, or a situation to be the opposite of what it was

- *The stock market reversed course and closed with a modest gain.*

☐ **closure:** the process of making a business or institution stop operating permanently

- *an increase in hospital closures*

☐ **disruption:** a problem or action that interrupts something and prevents it from continuing

- *My new job caused a disruption in my sleep pattern.*

☐ **trade disruption:**

☐ **BMW:** = Bavarian Motor Works, a manufacturer of motor vehicles

☐ **Mini:** *trademark* A model of compact car, originally built by BMC in the United Kingdom, and later by BMW.

☐ **Rolls-Royce:** a large, expensive, and comfortable car of very high quality made by a company in the U.K. It is sometimes simply called a Rolls

☐ **Peugeot:** *trademark* A French manufacturer of cars.

☐ **Vauxhall:** a district in London, on the south bank of the Thames

☐ **Jaguar Land Rover:** founded on 18 January 2008; a British multinational automotive company with its headquarters in Whitley, Coventry, United Kingdom, and a subsidiary of Indian automotive company Tata Motors.



☐ **bring forward**: to change the date or time of an event so that it happens earlier

- *They brought the date of the wedding forward so her cousins could attend.*

☐ **shutdown**: an occasion when a machine or factory stops working temporarily

☐ **to go**: still remaining before something happens

- *Only ten days to go to Christmas!*

☐ **momentum**: progress or development that is becoming faster or stronger

- *The momentum towards economic and political union in Europe*

☐ **lose momentum**: to move more slowly

- *The wagon lost momentum as it rolled up the hill.*

☐ **referendum**: an occasion when everyone in a country can vote to make a decision about one particular subject

- *The country held a referendum to decide the trade issue.*

☐ **growth**: economic growth

- *measures designed to stimulate economic growth*

☐ **typically**: usually

- *The courses typically last for three days.*

☐ **exceed**: to go above an official limit

- *The world population will exceed nine billion by 2050.*

☐ **job market**: the number of jobs that are available for workers

- *The job market is really tight.*

☐ **robust**: strong and successful

- *The robust economy has made many people happy.*

☐ **policymaker**: A person responsible for or involved in formulating policies, especially in politics.