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## No notes David Davis!

**D**ID David Davis forget his notes? Or does he just have no ideas? Pictures from yesterday's start of negotiations in Brussels that showed Britain's Brexit minister facing his EU counterpart without notes or paperwork prompted jibes from critics who say a divided government is woefully unprepared for the process.

British media and Twitter commentators pounced on images taken as Davis and his team sat down opposite the

European Union's chief Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier; all three EU officials had thick piles of papers in front of them, while Davis, his lead negotiator and Britain's EU ambassador had none. As Conservative prime minister Theresa May tried to silence ministers who have briefed the media on splits in her cabinet what the terms for Britain's divorce from the EU should be, newspaper critics on the left let rip. "David Davis has vowed to 'get down to business' and hit the 'sub-

stance' of Brexit talks as a new round kicks off today," wrote the *Daily Mirror*. "But there's just one little problem. "The Tory Brexit secretary has been pictured sitting down for negotiations in Brussels... without any notes." Barnier, a former French cabinet minister who was flanked at the table by his German deputy Sabine Weyand and French strategy chief Stephanie Riso, has urged the British to give more detail on what they want.

# Gibraltar will not be a victim of Brexit, says chief minister

**L**ondon.—Gibraltar will not be a victim of Brexit and has had guarantees from the British government it will not do a trade deal with the European Union which doesn't include the territory, its chief minister said yesterday.

The future of Gibraltar, a rocky enclave on the southern tip of Spain cap-

tured by Britain in 1704, and its 30,000 inhabitants is set to be a major point of contention in Brexit negotiations.

The EU annoyed Britain and Gibraltar in April by offering Spain a right of veto over the territory's post-Brexit relationship with the bloc.

Gibraltar, which Spain wants back, voted

strongly in favour of remaining in the EU at last year's referendum but is committed to staying part of Britain.

Gibraltar's chief minister Fabian Picardo told *Sky News* he had had "cast iron assurances" from Britain's Brexit minister David Davis that the government would not do a trade deal with the EU if it did

not include Gibraltar. "I'm the backbone of this negotiation for Gibraltar and the backbone is made of limestone rock, it's not going to be easy to buckle on that. We can have the War of the Summer, the War of the Autumn or the War of the Winter, if you like, on that, Gibraltar is not going to change its position," he said.

