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Scotland votes 'No'
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Scotland has voted to stay in the United Kingdom. Around 85% of voters turned out to vote in the referendum. A total of 2,001,926 people voted 'No' to independence, whilst 1,617,989 voted 'Yes'.

The BBC's Rob Watson reports.

It's been **history in the making**.

The people of Scotland have decided to continue their 300-year **union** with England. So the UK survives.

Pro-independence campaigners say they're disappointed, but insist the high **turnout** shows there's an **appetite for change**. Few would disagree, and accept the result doesn't mean Britain goes back to **business as usual**.

In the hours and days ahead, the Prime Minister David Cameron and the other party leaders will now have to **deliver** on their promise in the last days of the campaign to give Scotland more powers.

And no-one believes that can be done without a wider **shake-up** of how the rest of the UK is governed.

Vocabulary and definitions

history in the making	a very important event happening now
union	the state of being together
turnout	(here) the number of people who go to vote
appetite for change	desire or feeling for change
business as usual	(phrase) said when things continue in the same way as before
deliver	to achieve something that has been offered or promised
shake-up	big change

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