

## INDEPENDENCE

### Lesson Fifty-Three

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**Objectives:** This lesson tells you a little about independence and something of the history of Kiribati since European contact. Additional readings on Kiribati history are found in The Special Skills Handbook. In this reading you'll learn some vocabulary related to government, as well. Notice how many of the words are taken from English.

**Activities:** Study the narrative and prepare to answer questions relating to the history and government of Kiribati. Or if you have seen the independence celebration, give a short talk on that.

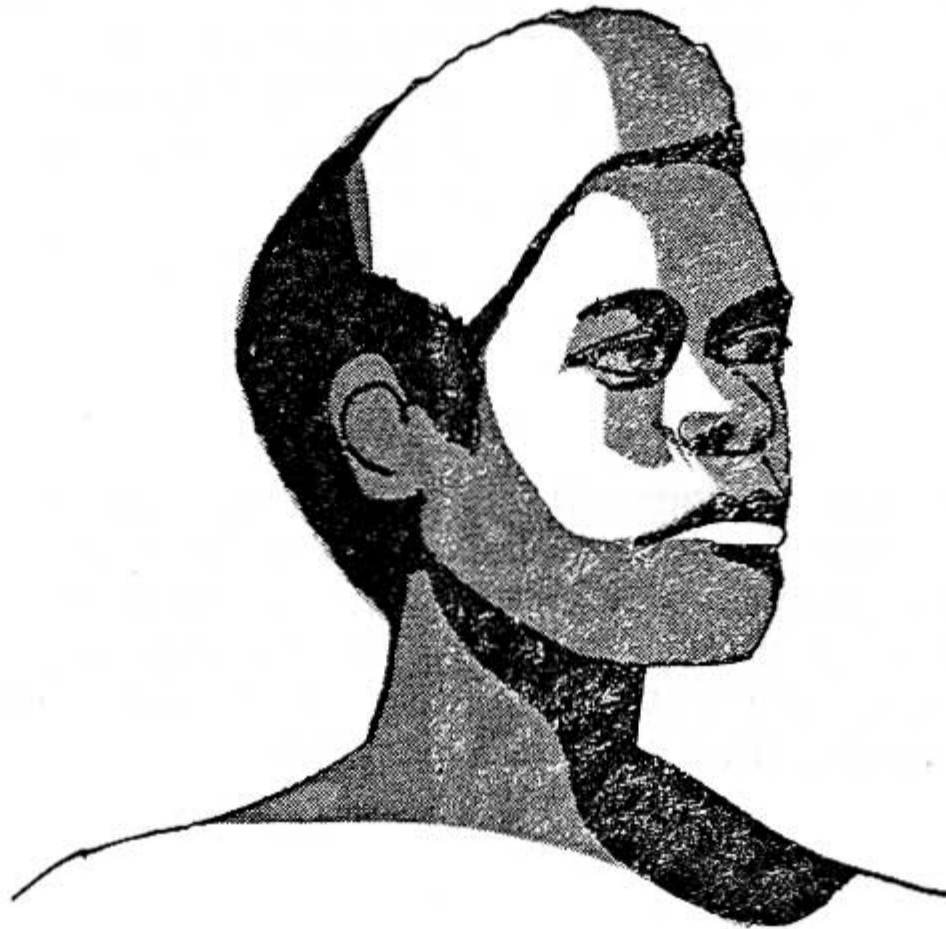
**Translation  
of Narrative:**

#### Independence

The government decided that Independence day is July 12, 1979. After that, Kiribati became a ruling country of its own.

Kiribati was ruled by the British Empire since the 19th Century, and became the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony. Ellice separated from the colony in 1976, and is now called Tuvalu. Tuvalu became independent in 1978.

There was a governor when Kiribati was a British colony. Now a president is elected.



Narrative  
for Study:

Te Inaaomata

E a tia n iangoia te Tautaeka b'a bongin te Inaaomata bon 12 n Tuurai 1979. Are imwiin aanne ao e riki Kiribati b'a te bootaki n aba ae e a bon taua taekana i bon irouna.

Man te Ka-19 n Tienture ao e tauaki taekan Kiribati iroun te Embaea ni Buritan ao imwiina e a manga riki b'a Koronen Abam'akoro aika Kiribati ma Ereti. Ao e a raure nako Ereti man te Korone n te ririki 1976 ao ngkai e a aranaki b'a Tuvalu. E inaaomata Tuvalu n te ririki 1978.

Bon iai te koowana ngke e riki Kiribati b'a ana Korone Buritan. Ngkai e a rineaki te Beretitenti.

Additional  
Activities:

A continuation of the narrative is provided on the subject of the 'new' name of the Gilberts: Kiribati. Study the narrative, then create a short dialogue in which someone attempts to explain the name change to someone who doesn't know about it. Act it out with a partner.

Translation  
of Continuation  
of Narrative:

Before Independence, the name Kiribati was a translation of the English name Gilbert Islands, which is known by the people of the world. This name will remain for the (main) group of sixteen islands of Kiribati. Within the name Kiribati are also included Banaba, the Phoenix Group, and the Line Islands.

Translation  
of Vocabulary:

independence	government
governor	president
election	colony
separation	

Outside  
Activities:

What can you learn about the history of Kiribati? Some readings are provided in The Special Skills Handbook, and the bibliography at the end of that book also provides some suggestions for readings in this area. What were things like politically before European contact? What was the British administration like at various times in history? What led to the grouping of Gilberts and Ellice? What led to the separation? Is the independence movement an old one?

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Continuation  
of Narrative:

Im'aain te inaaomata ao te ara ae Kiribati bon rairan te taeka n I-Matang ae Gilbert Islands ae ataaki irouia kaain aonaaba. E na bon tiku naba te ara aei b'a aran abam'akoron Kiribati ake tebwi ma onoua. Inanon te taeka ae Kiribati, a bane iai Banaba, te Aono ni Binikiti ao the Aono n Raina.

Vocabulary:

Inaaomata  
koowana  
rinerine  
te raure nako

tautaeka  
beretitenti  
korone