Method : pay attention to the context.

England and Napoleon.

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❶ Cartoon by Gillray : The Plum-pudding in danger (1805).

1805 was the year of Trafalgar, the decisive battle that gave to England complete control of the seas.

On the left, the English Prime minister, William Pitt. He puts his fork into the ocean. It means that England was a sea power.



On the right, Napoleon, now emperor of the French. His empire is Europe. France was a land power.

The greedy Napoleon is obsessed by his desire for dominance in Europe.

Maybe he should pay more attention to England. While Napoleon dominated Europe, England was stronger at the world scale.

❷ "Boney or the Devil's darling". English cartoon, 1814.



➪ **Using the cartoons and your knowledge, explain how England reacted to Napoleon's hegemony over Europe.**