

Why did this happen?

British India was a large country, with lots of people from different backgrounds and religions.

But when it became independent, it split up because there was tension between them.

Partition means dividing something. So, the Partition of India was when British India split up into two separate states. The two new states were Pakistan and India.

In Pakistan most people were Muslim, while in India most people were Hindu.

At the same time that it split up into the two new states, the new countries also became independent. This means they started to rule themselves.

This was because many people from across what was British India did not want to be ruled by the British.