

The British Isles

In the northwest of Europe you can see the British Isles which consist of two large islands: **Great Britain** and **Ireland** and about five thousand small islands.

The British Isles are separated from the European continent by the **English Channel**.

The west coast is washed by the **Atlantic Ocean** and the **Irish Sea**.

The east coast is washed by the **North Sea**.



Great Britain or the UK?

The official name of the country is **the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**.

But it is often called Great Britain because the most part of the country lies on the island of the same name.

The capitals:
England – **London**;
Scotland – **Edinburgh**;
Wales – **Cardiff**;
Northern Ireland – **Belfast**.



The Parts of the United Kingdom

The United Kingdom consists of four parts: **England**, **Wales**, **Scotland**, and **Northern Ireland**.

There are four main nationalities in the country: the **English**, the **Welsh**, the **Scots** and the **Irish**. Each of them has its own language and culture.

The population of the UK is about 60 million people.

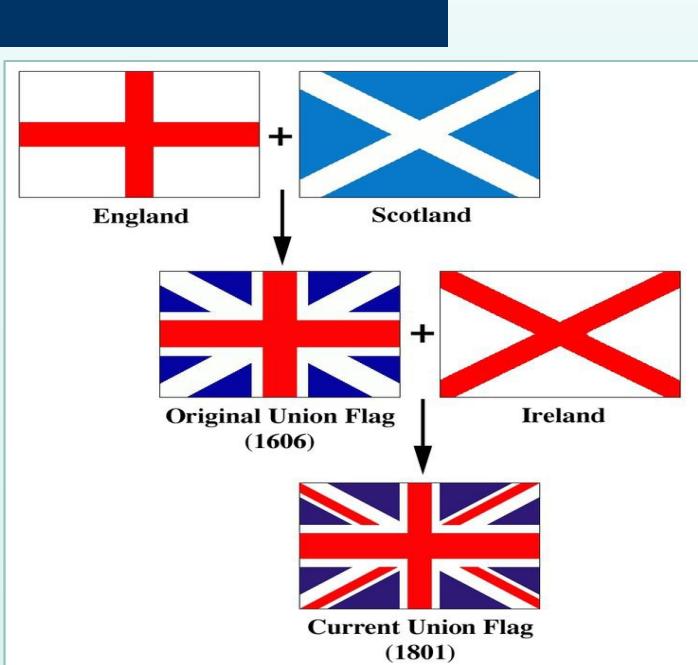


Symbols

The Union Jack is the national flag of the UK.

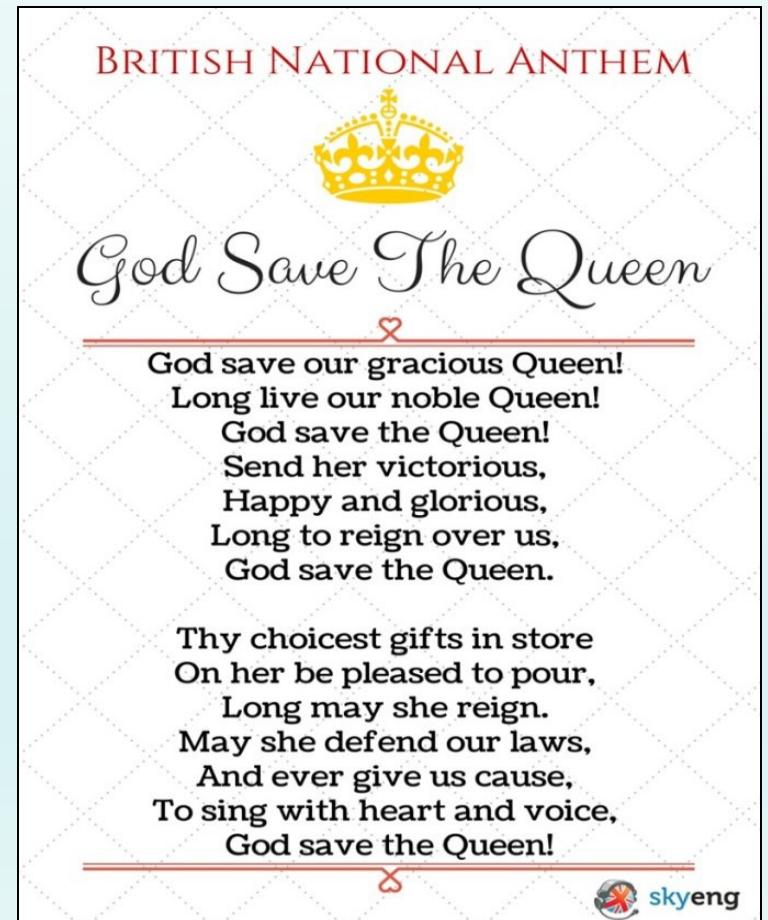
It is made of three colours (red, white and blue) representing the red cross of England, the white cross of Scotland, and the blue saltire of Ireland.

The flag of **Wales** consists of a **red dragon** on a green and white field.



Anthem

The National Anthem of the UK is “God Save the Queen”



Floral emblems

Each part of the United Kingdom has its own patron saint and floral emblem:

England – St. George and the red Rose,

Scotland – St. Andrew, the Thistle,

Wales – St. David and the Daffodil,

Northern Ireland – St. Patrick and the Shamrock.



The National Symbol of England

The national flower of England is the rose.

The flower has been adopted as England's emblem since the time of the Wars of the Roses (between the royal house of Lancaster, whose emblem was a red rose and the royal house of York, whose emblem was a white rose).



The National Symbols of Wales

The national flower of Wales is the daffodil, which is traditionally worn on St. David's Day. The vegetable called leek is also considered to be a traditional emblem of Wales.



The National Symbol of Scotland

The national flower of Scotland is the thistle, was chosen as such because it saved the country from enemy.



The Symbols of Northern Ireland

The national flower of Northern Ireland is the **shamrock**. An Irish tale tells us how Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit could all exist as separate elements of the same entity.



The Landscape of the British Isles

The surface of the British Isles varies very much. The north of Scotland is mountainous and is called **the Highlands**, **Ben Nevis** in Scotland is the highest mountain (1,343 m), while the south, which has beautiful valleys and plains, is called **the Lowlands**.



Rivers

There are a lot of rivers in Great Britain (the Thames, the Avon, the Clyde, the Severn), but they are not very long. **The Severn** is the longest river in the country, while **the Thames** is the deepest and the most important one.



Lakes

There are also many lakes in the UK, especially in Scotland, the **Lake District** is the largest National Park in England. It contains a lot of beautiful lakes.



Weather

The weather in England is very **changeable**.

People in England say that they have no climate but only weather.



London, the Capital of the UK

London is the capital of Great Britain, its political, economic and commercial centre. It is one of the largest cities in the world and the largest city in Europe. It stands on the river Thames which flows into the North Sea, so London is the largest port and one of the main ship-building centres.



Some London's Sights



London has a lot of sights.

The famous landmarks are Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, Tower Bridge, Madame Tussaud's Museum, The Sherlock Holmes Museum, The Tate Gallery and so on.

Big Ben and Westminster Abbey

The Clock Tower of the Houses of Parliament is famous for its big Hour Bell, known as "**Big Ben**".

Westminster Abbey is the place, where the coronation of nearly all kings and queens have taken place.



Trafalger Square

There are many nice squares in London. **Trafalgar Square** is one of them. You can see a statue of **Lord Nelson** in the middle of this square.

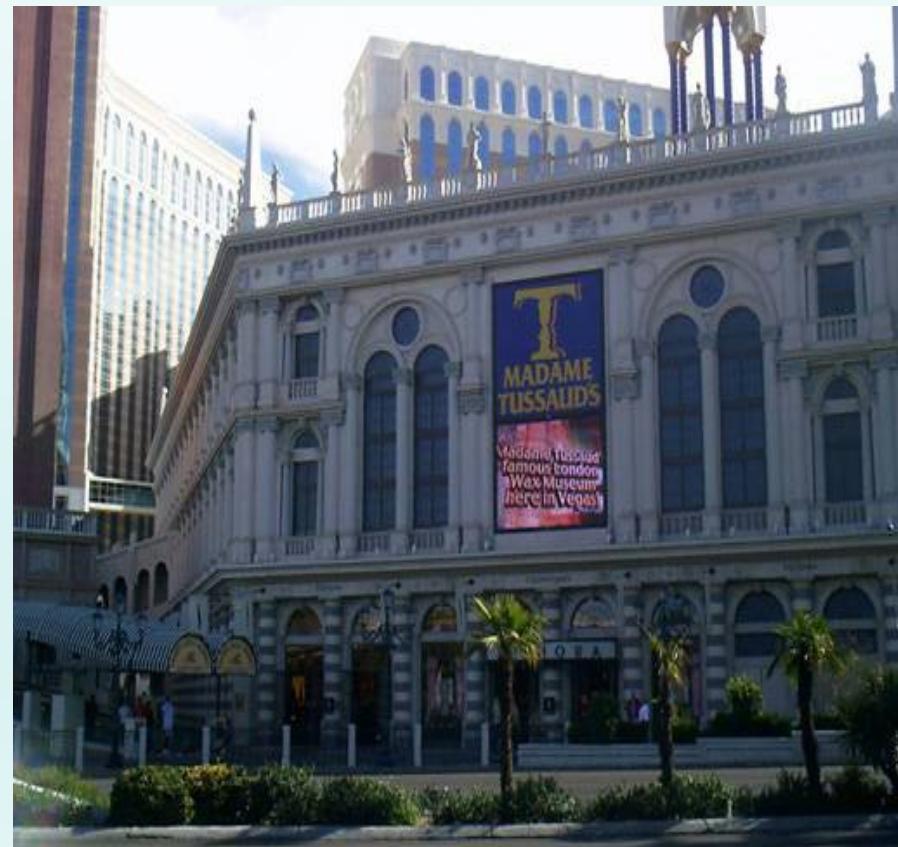


Museums and galleries

There are many museums, art galleries in London.

Madame Tussaud's is a famous museum in London started in 1835 by a French wax sculptor Marie Tussaud.

It contains wax figures of famous people from past and present.



The Sherlock Holmes Museum

The **Sherlock Holmes Museum** is the most popular museum in London, dedicated to the legendary detective Sherlock Holmes. It is situated near the north end of Baker Street in the central London close to Regent's Park.



Underground

London is connected with the London Underground.

It is the oldest one in the world. The first line was opened in 1870. It was like a tube, that's why it was called the **Tube**.

English people call the old lines the Tube, the new lines – the **Underground**. It is associated with a lot of advertisements everywhere.



Double-decker

Visitors of London often prefer to travel by this red bus because they can see a lot of interesting places from the top of a **double-decker**.



Customs and traditions

These customs are really English.

English people **like domestic animals**. Every family has a pet: a dog, a cat or a bird.

Also they are **tea-drinkers**. They prefer to drink tea from cups, not from glasses.

They can drink many cups of tea at once. Usually they drink tea with milk.



Holidays

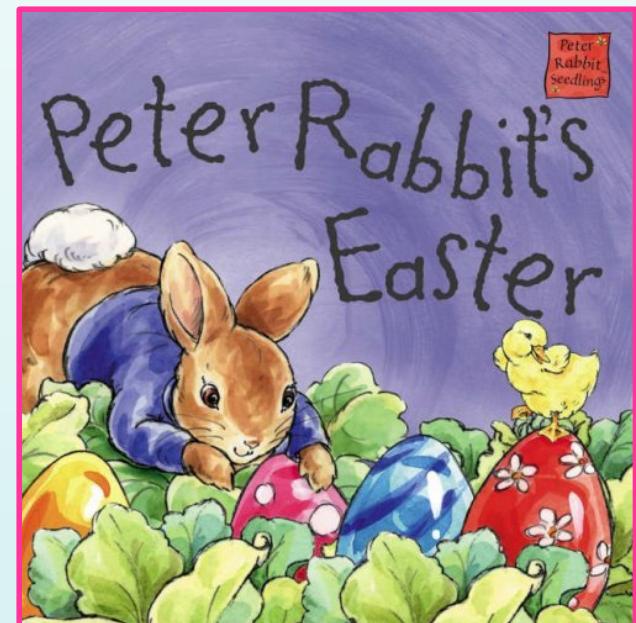
Christmas is celebrated all around the world. British people like it too, they have it **on the 25th of December**. The main character is Santa Claus. Children get a lot of presents and sing Christmas carols.

The traditional English dinner on Christmas Day is **roast turkey** and **Christmas pudding**.



Holidays

Easter Day is the high point of the year. Easter eggs are important in Britain, too. Children believe that Easter Rabbit hides the eggs in the garden. A traditional food is roast lamb. People give each other chocolate eggs that are wrapped in silver paper.



Holidays

Halloween is celebrated on **the 31st of October**, it's already well-known in Russia.



On the 14th of February they celebrate **St Valentine's Day**, the day when people send cards or give red roses or chocolates to the person they love.



English home

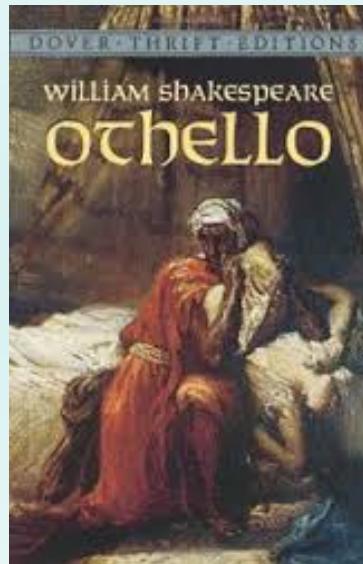
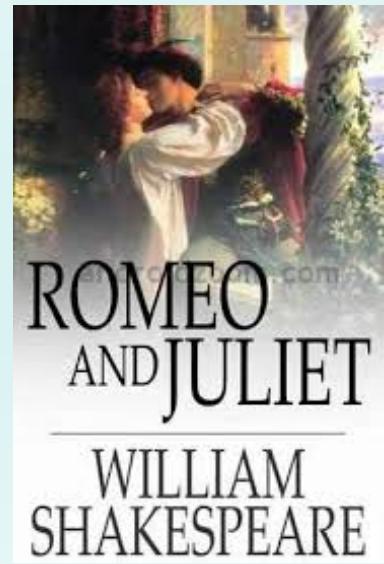
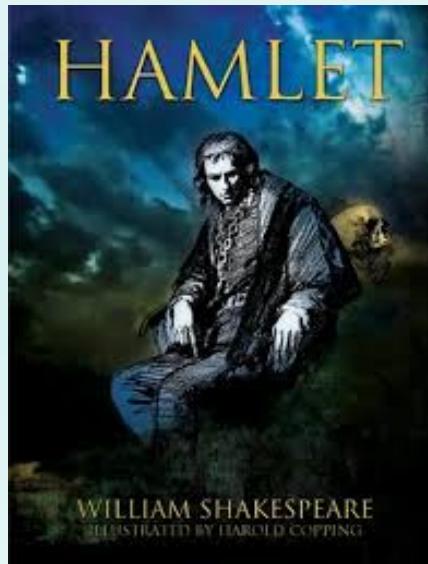
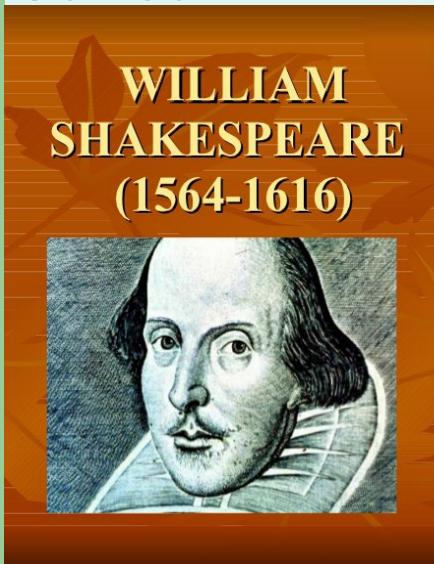
The English like their home. They say: “**My house is my castle**”.

Usually there is **a fireplace** in the main room of the English house. The English like to sit in front of it; to read newspapers or magazines there.



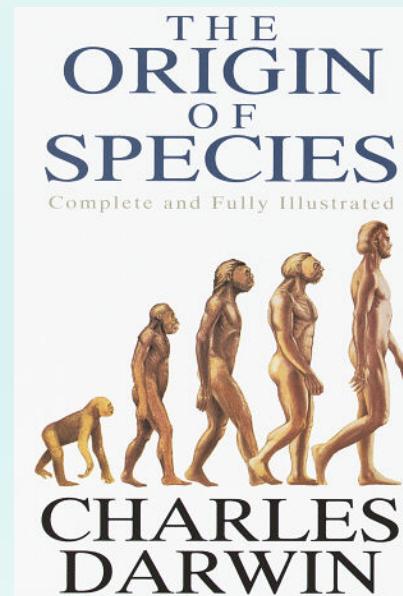
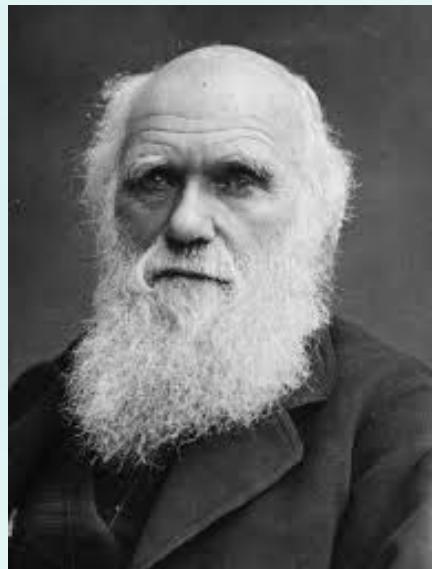
Famous people

William Shakespeare (1564-1616) was an English poet and dramatist. He is often called England's national poet and the "Bard of Avon". His most famous plays are "**Hamlet**" and "**Romeo and Juliet**".



Famous people

Charles Robert Darwin (1809 – 1882)
was an English naturalist and geologist,
known for his contributions to **evolutionary
theory**.

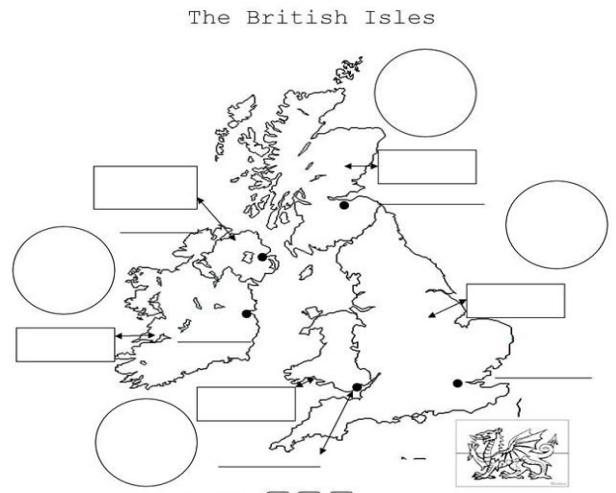


Famous people

Lewis Carrol (1832 -1898) was an English writer who wrote Alice's Adventures in Wonderland.



Use worksheets



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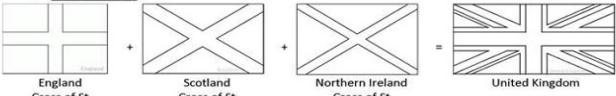
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2. Write in the right boxes: England – Scotland – Wales – Northern Ireland – Ireland

3. Write down the Capitals: Cardiff – London – Belfast – Edinburgh – Dublin

4. Colour the flags.



5. Cut and stick the symbols in the right circle.



Great Britain (2)



Read the words in the box below and then use them to answer the questions:

Princess Diana	prison	cricket	Vote	red
Buckingham Palace	99	sausages	Bobby	Union Jack
polo	kilt	clock	Primary	Anne

1. Name of the British flag. _____



2. Kind of school children attend at the age of 4-11. _____



3. Name of the Queen's house in London. _____



4. The sport prince Charles plays. _____



5. The Queen can't _____. _____



6. Colour of the famous London buses. _____



7. Nickname for a British policeman. _____



8. Princess who died in 1997. _____



9. National sport of England. _____



10. What are bangers? _____



11. Name of Queen's daughter. _____



12. Popular ice cream to eat in GB. _____



13. The tower of London was a _____. _____



14. The Scottish wear skirts called _____. _____



15. Big Ben is a _____. _____

Use worksheets



Britain Quiz



How much do you know about Britain? Work in groups and answer these questions.

- 1) The sport people watch most in Britain is:
a) cricket b) football c) tennis d) rugby
- 2) What is the traditional Sunday Lunch?
a) fried eggs and bacon b) roast meat c) fish and chips
d) a Cornish pasty
- 3) What is the name of the highest mountain in Britain?
a) Snowdon b) Scafell Pike c) Ben Nevis
- 4) The capital of Northern Ireland is:
a) Cardiff b) Dublin c) Belfast d) Edinburgh
- 5) How many countries are in the UK?
a) 1 b) 5 c) 4 d) 2
- 6) What is the second largest city in the UK?
a) Birmingham b) Cardiff c) Plymouth d) Brighton
- 7) Which country in Britain has road signs written in two languages?
a) Wales b) England c) Scotland
- 8) 10 Downing Street is the home of:
a) Harry Potter b) Theresa May c) Prince William
d) David Beckham
- 9) Who is the patron saint of England?
a) St David b) St George c) St Patrick d) St Andrew
- 10) Who was born in Stratford-upon-Avon?
a) Charles Dickens b) Princess Diana c) William Shakespeare d) Winston Churchill
- 11) The Queen's granddaughter Zara Phillips is a famous Olympic:
a) horse rider b) swimmer c) boxer d) hockey player
- 12) Where are the crown jewels kept?
a) Buckingham Palace b) The Tower of London
c) Westminster Abbey d) Big Ben



The United Kingdom

United Kingdom	Choose the correct capital city.	
	Countries	Capital
Great Britain	England	London
	Scotland	Edinburgh
	Wales	Cardiff
Northern Ireland		Belfast

Answer the following questions.

1. How many countries are there in the United Kingdom?
There are _____ countries.
2. How many countries are there in Great Britain?
There are _____ countries.
3. The British capital city is the same as England's. Which one is it?
It is _____.

Fill in with the correct country or capital

London
Wales
Belfast
Scotland

Colour the flag.
Drag and drop

1. Red
2. Blue
3. White

The British flag is known as Union Jack

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Use worksheets

The United Kingdom

Worksheet number: _____
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How much do you know about the United Kingdom? Read and underline the correct option.

The UK is the union of:
 a) Great Britain + Northern Ireland + Wales
 b) England + Wales + Scotland
 c) England + Wales + Northern Ireland

The Head of State of the UK is:
 a) Queen Victoria
 b) Queen Elizabeth I
 c) Queen Elizabeth II

The British Currency is:
 a) the dollar
 b) the pound
 c) the euro

The Capital of Wales is:
 a) Edinburgh
 b) Cardiff
 c) London

The Famous Clock in London is called:
 a) Big Ben
 b) London Eye
 c) Big Ben

The British flag is called:
 a) the Union Jack
 b) the Saltire and Stripes
 c) the Red Cross

In Scotland there's a famous monster called:
 a) posie
 b) Nessie
 c) Lochie

The shamrock is the symbol of:
 a) England
 b) Scotland
 c) Northern Ireland

The bagpipe is a famous instrument in:
 a) Wales
 b) Northern Ireland
 c) Scotland

The English flag is called:
 a) St. George's Cross
 b) St. Patrick's Cross
 c) St. Andrew's Cross

The red rose is the symbol of:
 a) Wales
 b) England
 c) Northern Ireland

The Capital of Scotland is:
 a) Edinburgh
 b) London
 c) Belfast

Most London Cabs are:
 a) blue
 b) yellow
 c) black

The Queen lives in:
 a) Buckingham Palace
 b) St. Paul's Cathedral
 c) the Tower of London

It is known as the 'Land of the Castles'
 a) England
 b) Wales
 c) Northern Ireland

GREAT BRITAIN

Number the pictures

1. RED BUS
 2. THE QUEEN
 3. BEAUFETTER
 4. FLAG
 5. PLUMPUDDING
 6. FISH AND CHIPS
 7. DOVER CLIFF
 8. LOCH NESS MONSTER
 9. SHERLOCK HOLMES
 10. THE BEATLES
 11. GREAT BRITAIN
 12. ROBIN HOOD
 13. UMBRELLA
 14. ROYAL GUARD
 15. THE TOWER

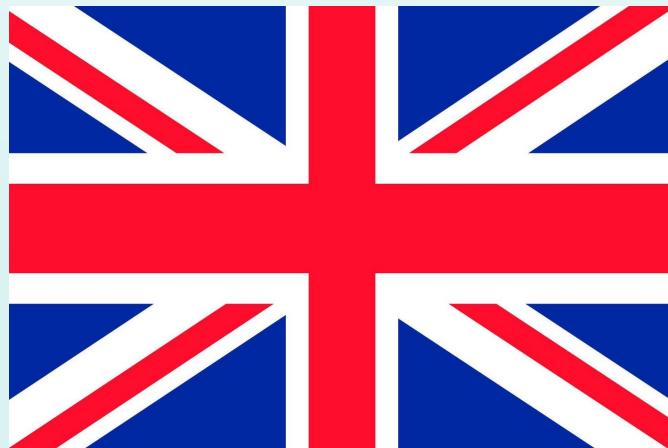
Let us have some fun.

Now we create 2 teams and choose a team leader.

1 correct answer is 1 point.

Our game

What do you know about Great Britain?



Our game

1. *Where are the British Isles situated?*

- 1) in the southwest of Europe
- 2) in the northwest of Europe
- 3) in the northeast of Europe
- 4) in the southeast of Europe



Our game

2. *What separates the British Isles and Europe?*

- 1) the Panama Channel
- 2) the Caribbean Channel
- 3) the English Channel “La Manche”
- 4) the Suez Channel



Our game

3. Which country does not belong to the UK?

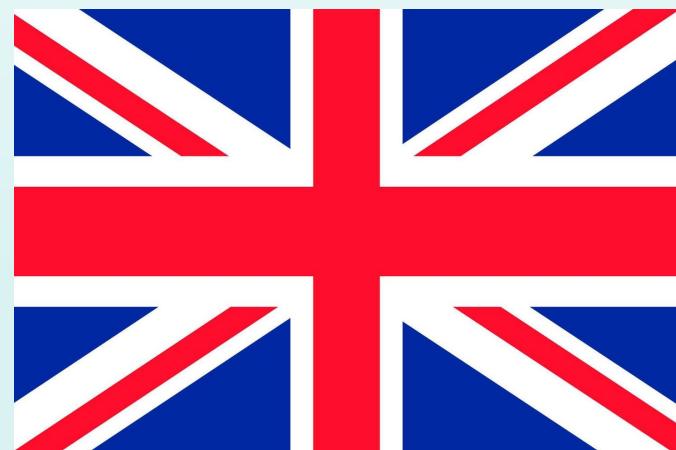
- 1) Wales
- 2) England
- 3) Ireland
- 4) Northern Ireland



Our game

4) *How do English people call their national flag?*

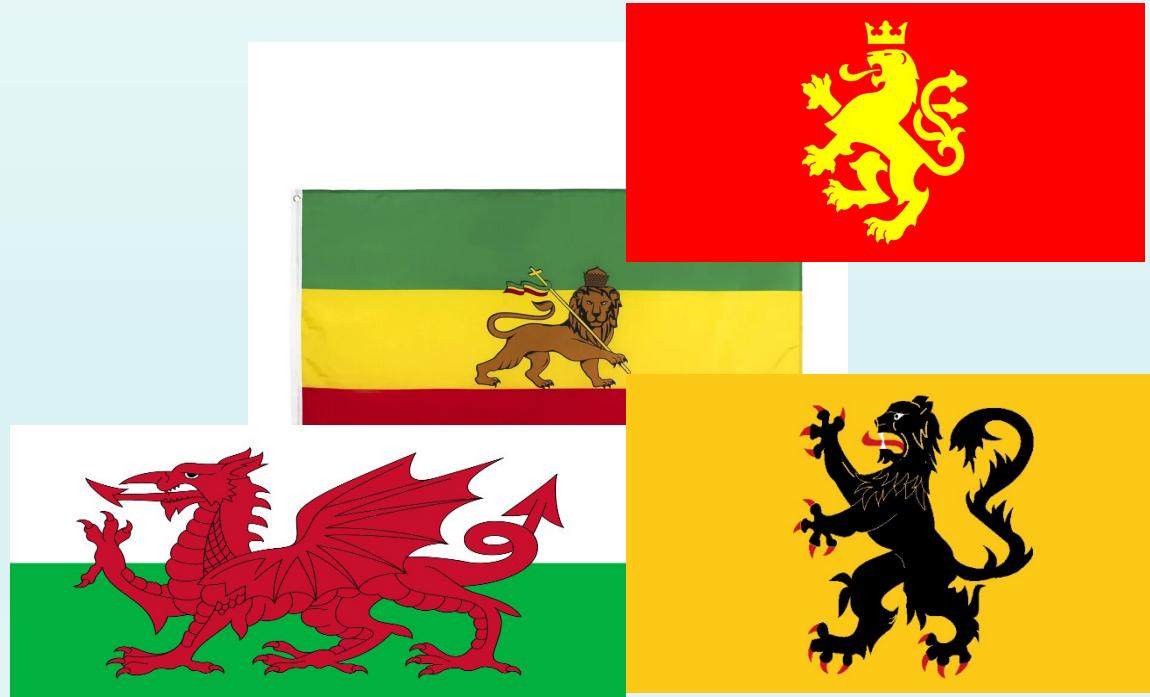
- 1) the Black Jack
- 2) the Red Jack
- 3) the Jack
- 4) the Union Jack



Our game

5) What the animal is on the flag of Wales?

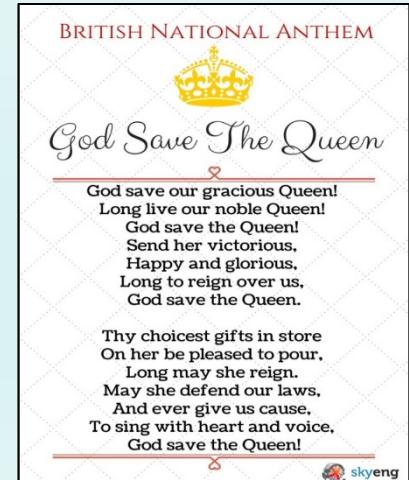
- 1) a brown lion
- 2) a black dragon
- 3) a red dragon
- 4) a yellow lion



Our game

6) The National Anthem of the UK is “God Save” .

- 1) the king
- 2) the queen
- 3) the UK
- 4) us



Our game

7) What is the deepest river in the UK?

- 1) the Thames
- 2) the Avon
- 3) the Clyde
- 4) the Severn



Our game

8) *The coronation takes place in this royal church.*

- 1) Saint Mary's Royal Church
- 2) Royal church
- 3) the Church of England
- 4) Westminster Abbey



Our game

9) *What is the floral symbol of England?*

- 1) the white rose
- 2) the daffodil
- 3) the red rose
- 4) the shamrock



Our game

10) *What is the floral symbol of Wales?*

- 1) the white rose
- 2) the daffodil
- 3) the red rose
- 4) the white rose



Our game

11) *This beautiful lady was a wife of Prince of Wales.*

- 1) Elisabeth I
- 2) Elisabeth II
- 3) Diana Spencer
- 4) Julia Roberts



Our game

12) *What is traditional colour of a double-decker?*

- 1) black
- 2) green
- 3) red
- 4) white



Our game

13) How does Santa Claus get into the house?

- 1) He gets down the chimney
- 2) He comes into the door
- 3) He gets through the window
- 4) He doesn't get into the house



Our game

14) *What holiday is this picture associated with?*

- 1) New Year
- 2) Halloween
- 3) Easter
- 4) Birthday



Our game

15) *This holiday is celebrated on the 14th of February.*

- 1) New Year
- 2) St Valentine's Day
- 3) Halloween
- 4) Easter



Our game

16) *What is the traditional English dinner on Christmas Day?*

- 1) tea with cookies
- 2) roast chicken and the pudding
- 3) roast turkey and the pudding
- 4) tea with the pudding



Game: 4 boxes

You can see 4 boxes that contain 4 prompts.

With a help of these prompts you should guess what the country is hidden.

1 correct answer is 2 points.

Thank you for attention!