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Intersting facts about England

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# Tea drinking



The English are tea addicts: an Englishman drinks more tea than any person of any other nation (over twenty times more than Americans!). The British drink more than 60 billion cups of tea a year – around 100 million each day.

# Over 300 languages are spoken in London

First on our list of facts about London is the cultural diversity. As one of the most diverse cities in the world, London houses over 8 million residents, who collectively speak over 300 languages.



# Black cab drivers are tested

In order for a person to become a black cab driver, they must complete a rigorous test called 'The Knowledge', which involves memorising every single street in the capital. Cab drivers can spend years trying to learn it all. Some even walk around every part of the city as a way of **lodging** all the side streets and back alleys in their brains.

# The Millennium Dome is the biggest structure of its kind in the world

The Millennium Dome is so big that it can fit the Great Pyramids of Giza comfortably under the roof! The structure is 365m in diameter; and 52m high in the middle; with 12 supporting poles, symbolising days, weeks and months of the year.





# Queen Elizabeth II is distantly related to Vlad the Impaler

Quite an interest fact about her majesty. Vlad the **Impaler** is known to be the real inspiration for the famous vampire character known as Dracula. Her ancestry can be traced back to Vlad the Impaler, which means she's distantly related to him.





# You can never be more than 115 km from the ocean

The furthest you can be away from the big blue ocean  
is 115 km no matter where you go.

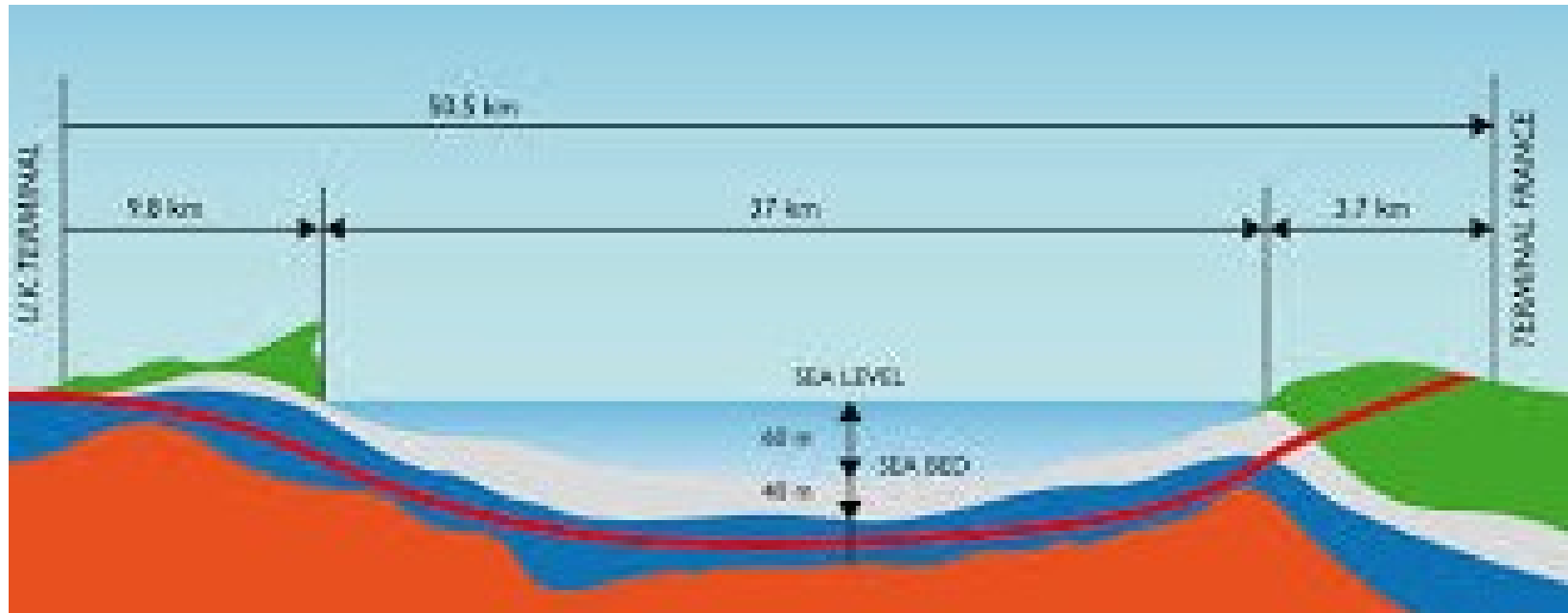


# Winchester was the first capital of England

Thought London was the first capital of England? Guess again, in 1519 Winchester was chosen as the capital, and already in 827, King Egbert was crowned here.

# You can drive from England to France via an underwater tunnel

England might be an island, but it's connected to the **mainland** Europe and France via an underwater tunnel. The distance between the two countries is 50.45 kilometers.



Windsor Castle is the oldest and largest inhabited castle in the world, being in use since the 11th century. It's still one of the official residences of The Queen, as well as having some areas accessible to the public on tours.



Did you know killing swans was made illegal in the 1980s? If you're caught, you'll face **prosecution**. It's thought only The Queen would be exempt from being penalised... so she could kill one and have it for dinner if she really wanted!



# Probably nothing will kill you here

The adder is the only venomous snake found in Britain and according to the NHS, around 100 adder bites are reported in the UK each year, mostly in the summer months. They're not particularly dangerous, but a bite will cause **mild** discomfort.

While around 660 species of spider are found in Britain, the most poisonous is the false widow spider, which it's thought was introduced to Britain from the Canary Islands. They look pretty scary, but their bites are relatively harmless.

There no active volcanoes in the U.K.

Pigs ate your crops? Try the animal at court and fine the owner if guilty! Animal trials were held in medieval England.





The word 'girl' once meant a child or young person of either sex!



The Bank of England that we know today was founded in 1694.



The monument of Stonehenge is claimed to be one of the oldest monuments in the world, scientists believe that it was built over in 3,000 B.C.



English is the official language of the U.K., yet there are a variety of accents throughout the country. The emphasis changes so often that within a few km, you may come across a different accent.

# Vocabulary

- 1)Lodging – acomadare
- 2)Impaler - To pierce with a sharp stake or point. To torture or kill by impaling.
- 3)Prosecution - unfair or cruel treatment over a long period of time because of race, religion, or political beliefs.
- 4)Mild – blând
- 5)Mainland - relating to or forming the main part of a country or continent,