



# **The United Kingdom; Geography by Tom Castle**

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- In full, the name we give to the UK is;
  - The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
- The UK uses the Union Jack flag to represent all 4 countries.



# THE UNITED KINGDOM

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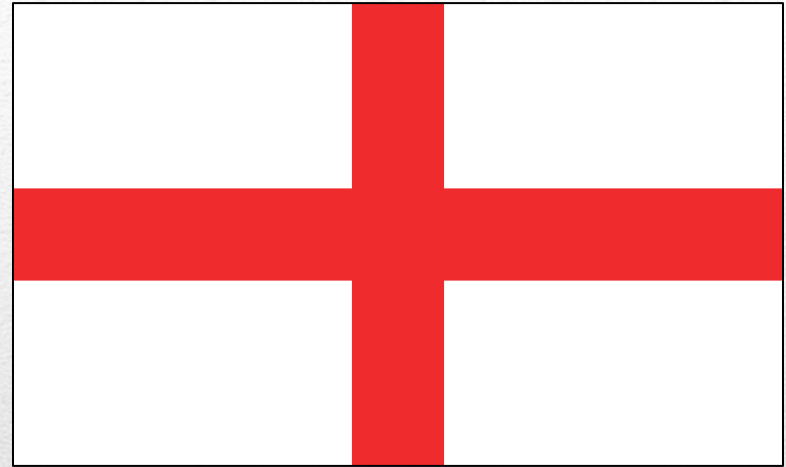
- There are 3 countries within 'Great Britain'
  - ENGLAND
  - SCOTLAND
  - WALES
- People from Great Britain are?



**GREAT BRITAIN**

**British**

- England is the largest of the countries within the United Kingdom.
- It uses the Saint George's Cross flag
- What would you call someone from England?



**English**

**ENGLAND**

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- Scotland is north of England.
- It uses the Saint Andrew's Cross flag, also known as the Saltire.
- People from Scotland are:

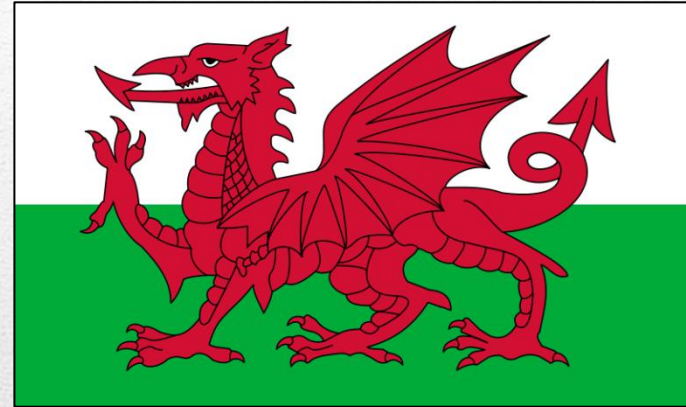


Scottish

**SCOTLAND**

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- Wales is in the west, between England and Northern Ireland.
- It uses the Red Dragon flag.
- And, people from Wales are called:



**Welsh**

**WALES**

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- Within Ireland, there are 2 countries;
- Northern Ireland
- The Republic of Ireland



# IRELAND

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- Northern Ireland is part of the United Kingdom.
- The Republic of Ireland is a separate state and is **not** part of the United Kingdom.
- People from Northern Ireland?
- People from the Republic?
- Remember that 'Northern' is important, because it is a different nationality to Irish.

# IRELAND

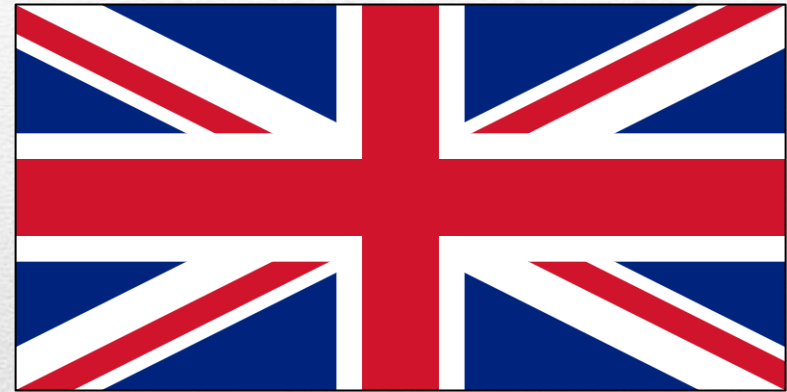
## Northern Irish



## Irish



- The Union Jack is made up of the St. George, Saltire and Irish Saint Patrick flag.
- The Saint Patrick is Northern Ireland's old flag. It was used when the countries of the Union Jack were separate.
- The Welsh flag is not part of the Union Jack. This is because England and Wales were 1 country before the Union Jack was created, so used the St George's Cross.



# THE UNION JACK

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1. How many countries are in Great Britain? What are they?
2. Is the Republic of Ireland part of the United Kingdom?
3. Why is the Welsh flag not part of the Union Jack?
4. The Scottish flag is called the St. Andrew's Cross. What is the other name?
5. What is the full name we give to all the countries within the union? The United \_\_\_\_\_
6. Which saints are the 3 flags of the Union Jack named after?

## MINI-QUIZ

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1. 3 countries; England, Scotland and Wales
2. No
3. Wales and England were 1 country when the Union Jack was created
4. The Saltire
5. The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
6. Saint George (England), Saint Andrew (Scotland), Saint Patrick (Northern Ireland)

# QUIZ ANSWERS

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- These are the 9 regions of England.

- Yorkshire (E)
- Greater London (I)
- South West England (K)
- East Midlands (F)
- North East England (C)
- North West England (D)
- East Of England (H)
- West Midlands (G)
- South East England (J)

- Where do I live?



# REGIONS OF ENGLAND

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- I live in the East of England, in the city of Norwich
- Norwich is in the county of Norfolk
- How many counties are there?
- 90 (although the classification is complicated)



- Then, Northern Ireland has 6 counties
- Scotland has 33
- And Wales has 18

# **NORTHERN IRELAND, SCOTLAND AND WALES**

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## Country

## Capital City

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- A diagram showing connections between countries and capital cities. Red lines and arrows link the following pairs:
- England → Edinburgh
  - Northern Ireland → Dublin
  - Scotland → London
  - Wales → Belfast
  - The Republic of Ireland → Cardiff
- | Country                 | Capital City |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| England                 | Edinburgh    |
| Northern Ireland        | Dublin       |
| Scotland                | London       |
| Wales                   | Belfast      |
| The Republic of Ireland | Cardiff      |

# Capital Cities

Belfast

Edinburgh

Dublin

London

Cardiff







# **Culture!**

In the United Kingdom...  
Traditions, Music and Food

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- Unique Celebrations
  - Shrove Tuesday (February 12<sup>th</sup>) or Pancake Day
  - Easter (between March 22<sup>nd</sup> and April 25<sup>th</sup>)
  - April Fool's Day (April 1<sup>st</sup>)
  - Mayday (May 1<sup>st</sup>)
  - Bonfire Night/Guy Fawkes Night (November 5<sup>th</sup>)
  - Remembrance Day (November 11<sup>th</sup>) /Remembrance Sunday

# UK Culture

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- ‘Shrove’ is a religious word, which relates to the idea of giving up something for Lent (Cuaresma).
- A much more common tradition is to eat pancakes.
- Therefore, it’s great.
- Typically, we have them with lemon and sugar, but it can be whatever you want.



**Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Day;  
February 12<sup>th</sup> 2013**

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- The religious aspect of Easter is not unique to the UK
- However, we have the non-religious tradition of (normally chocolate) Easter Eggs.
- These are brought by the ‘Easter Bunny (rabbit)’
- Easter Egg hunts are very popular with children (and often adults).



**Easter; March 22<sup>nd</sup> – April 25<sup>th</sup>**

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- A day of jokes.
- Everybody involves themselves, especially the media/newspapers.
- There is an unofficial competition for the best April Fools joke. The BBC often wins.
- A documentary about ‘spaghetti trees’ by the BBC is one of the most famous.

# **April Fools Day; April 1st**

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- “Remember, remember, the 5<sup>th</sup> of November”.
- On this day in 1605, a man named Guy Fawkes tried to blow up the Houses Of Parliament, the centre of English government.
- We celebrate with fireworks and large fires called bonfires, where a ‘Guy’ is burned, to symbolise Guy Fawkes.

# **Guy Fawkes/Bonfire Night; November 5<sup>th</sup>**

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- Remembrance Day is in memory of the soldiers that died in World War 1, held on the day that the war ended, November 11th.
- People wear poppies. This comes from a poem that talks about soldiers who died in a field of poppies.
- On November 11<sup>th</sup>, we hold a 2-minute silence at 11:00.
- On Remembrance Sunday, we celebrate the lives of the soldiers with parades – the Royal Family lead the celebrations.

**Remembrance Day/Sunday;  
November 11th**

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## MUSIC QUIZ!

I'm going to play short parts from 9 different famous British bands.

INDIVIDUALLY you have to guess the names.



You get 1 point for getting the name of the band correct.

You get another point for the name of the song.

SO there are 18 points in total.

# Music

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- ANSWERS!

1. Queen; Bohemian Rhapsody
  2. Rolling Stones; Paint It Black
  3. The Clash; London Calling
  4. The Beatles; Come Together
  5. Led Zeppelin; Whole Lotta Love
  6. Muse; Hysteria
  7. Blondie; Heart Of Glass
  8. The Who; Won't Get Fooled Again
  9. One Direction; What Makes You Beautiful ( ☹ )
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- Haggis, from Scotland:
  - Heart, liver and lungs of a sheep, with oatmeal (harina de avena), cooked inside the sheep's stomach.
- Shepherd's Pie (England)
  - Meat with gravy (sauce made from meat juices) and vegetables, covered in mashed potato.
- Full English Breakfast
  - Bacon, eggs, tomatoes, mushrooms, sausages, toast, baked beans, black pudding (pig blood and oatmeal)



# Food

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- Fish and Chips

- There are some variations from the fish, for example;
- Scampi; the tail of a type of lobster in breadcrumbs.
- Sausages
- Pie; meat with pastry outside.



- However, the stereotype of ‘tea and scones’ doesn’t exist any more.
- But, we do drink a lot of tea. I love tea ☺

