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#### **The United Kingdom**

# WHITE CLIFFS OF DOVER



# **BASIC FACTS**

- The official name of the UK is the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
- In English it is also called the UK, Great Britain or Britain.
- × Total area: 244,820 sq km
- × Population: 60,5 million (2012)
- × Capital: London

#### FISH AND CHIPS



# **BASIC FACTS**

- **×** The UK consists of 4 states (countries):
- × England with the capital city of London.
- × Scotland with the capital city of Edinburgh.
- **× Wales** with the capital city of Cardiff.
- Northern Ireland with the capital city of Belfast.
- Ireland is an independent state. The capital city is Dublin.

#### SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS



# POPULATION

- The population of the UK is about 60,5 million (2012).
- About 82% of population is English, 9% of population is Scottish, 2% of population is Welsh, 2,5% of population is Irish.
- The rest of population are immigrants from all over the world mainly Africa or Asia.

# LANGUAGES

- × The official language in the UK is English.
- English is an official language in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- In Scotland Gaelic is also spoken. In Wales, Welsh is also spoken and in Northern Ireland, Irish is also spoken.
- Immigrants to the UK sometimes speak their own languages.

### LEEDS CASTLE



# GEOGRAPHY

- **×** The UK is situated in the north-west of Europe.
- It is separated from Europe by the English Channel.
- The Strait of Dover is the narrowest place (35 km).
- **×** The English speak about **splendid isolation**.
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# **GEOGRAPHY - MOUNTAINS**

- The mountains are located mostly in Wales and Scotland.
- Even Nevis (1,343 m) in Scotland is the highest mountain in the UK.
- There is no place in the UK futher than 121 km from the sea coast.
- The eastern and southern parts of England are lower and high ground is referred to as hills, downs or heights (eg. The Chiltern Hills).

# **GEOGRAPHY - LAKES**

- × In the UK there are a lot of lakes.
- Lakes wihin the UK are situated mainly in Lake District National Park, in Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- Lakes in Scotland are called lochs. The most famous lake in Scotland is Loch Ness.
- × Loch Ness is famous for its monster Nessie.

# LAKE DISTRICT

- If you prefer countryside to cities, you may enjoy the Lake District, a region with beautiful scenery, mountains and lakes.
- There are 16 large lakes and many smaller ones.
- × Lake Windermere is the largest lake in Britain.
- The region is also connected with the "Lake Poets", a group of 19th-century romantic poets who were inspired by the place (William Wordsworth, Samuel Taylor Coleridge).

# **GEOGRAPHY - RIVERS**

- The longest river in the UK is the Severn which flows into the Bridgwater Bay.
- The other rivers include the Thames, the Avon or the Ely.
- **×** The river Thames flows through London.
- Famous towns are situated on the Avon Stratford upon-Avon or Bath.

#### BRITISH MONARCHY

- × The UK is a constitutional monarchy.
- The official head of the state is the British Queen (Elizabeth II).
- She became the Queen of England in 1952, so she has been the Queen for more than 60 years.
- The real power is represented by the British government and the British Prime Minister – David Cameron (2012).
- × He lives at number 10 Downing Street, London.

# POLITICAL SYSTEM

- × Queen Elizabeth II is head of the constitutional monarchy.
- She is also Head of the Protestant Church of England.
- Many decisions for the UK are made in London through the Parliament, consisting of the elected House of Commons (635 Members of Parliament) and the un- elected House of Lords.

## CURRENCY

- × The British are really proud of their currency.
- That is one of the reasons why they did not accept the Euro.
- × One one British pound (sterling).
- × One British pound has 100 pence.
- A British pound is a coin with a portrait of British Queen.

# LONDON - THE CAPITAL

- The capital city of the UK is London which is situated on the south east coast of England.
- × It is the largest city in Britain (7 million people).
- It is the seat of the British royal family, the government and other institutions.
- It is supposed to be the world `s capital of business, fashion and culture.

# THE TOWER BRIDGE



# **OTHER CITIES**

- Other cities are Birmingham, Manchester in the north of England, Leeds or Liverpool – the city where the Beatles are from.
- Birmingham is the second biggest city in the UK.
- The most famous university cities are: Oxford and Cambridge (called Oxbridge) are among the oldest universities in the world.

#### BRIGHTON



# CORNWALL

- Cornwall, a county in the south-west of England, is very popular thanks to its long and beautiful coastline.
- You can find Land's End there, the most southwestern point in Britain.
- Tintagel Castle is an impressive castle ruin towering over the sea, which is said to be the birthplace of the legendary King Arthur.

# STONEHENGE

- Stonehenge is perhaps best-known prehistoric monument in the world.
- It is a prehistoric megalithic complex of standing stones.
- Stonehenge (15 km from Salisbury in Wiltshire).
- It was built in about 2,500 BC, it consists of circles of big standing stones.

# STONEHENGE

- It is believed to have had some religious or astronomical purpose.
- The latest theory says it might have been a prehistoric art gallery.
- People enjoy gathering there on the summer and winter solstice (= the longest and shortest days of the year) and watching the sunrise.





# QUESTIONS:

- × What is the capital of the UK?
- × What is the population of the UK?
- × What countries does the UK consist of?
- × What are the languages spoken in the UK?
- × What is the highest mountain in the UK?
- × What UK rivers do you know?
- × What do you know about the political system?

# QUESTIONS

- × What is the currency of the UK?
- What do you remember about London?
- × What is Liverpool famous for?
- What do you know about Cornwall?
- What do you know about Stonehenge?
- Would you like to live in the UK? Why? Why not?

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