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Welcome to the UK



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LET'S START!



The **United Kingdom**, or the UK, is in north-west Europe and is made up of four countries. The island of Great Britain contains England, Wales and Scotland. The fourth country is the northern part of the island called Ireland.



Each country has got a flag:

England



Wales



Northern Ireland



Scotland



The UK has got its own flag. This flag represents all of the countries. It's called the **Union Jack**, or **Union Flag**.



Let's find out more about the UK!

1

ENGLAND

England is the largest country in the UK. It is a very green place full of fields, forests, hills and mountains. The scenery is amazing.

London is probably the most well-known city, but other major cities include Birmingham, Manchester, Leeds, Liverpool, Newcastle and Sheffield.

In England there are also many islands such as the Isle of Wight and the Isle of Sheppey. The **ISLE OF WIGHT**, England's biggest island, is a great place to find dinosaur fossils!



There is only a 34-kilometre gap between England and France. The two countries are connected by the Channel Tunnel, which opened in 1994.



Bright Lights, Big City!

London is the capital city of England and the UK. Over 8,6 million people live there! It's a busy city full of famous landmarks. You can see Buckingham Palace and Trafalgar Square. You can even go up the tallest building in Europe, the Shard.



The Houses of Parliament are home to the UK Government. You can see Big Ben there, too. Most people think Big Ben is the name of the 'clock', but it's the name of the bell inside the tower!

Getting around London is easy. You can ride in a famous **black cab** or hop on a **double-decker bus**. The **London Underground**, or the **Tube**, is a fast way of travelling around London. The Tube is the oldest railway network in the world!



ENGLAND



Population: 53 million



Capital City: London



Patron Saint: St George

National Flower: Rose



English people drink more tea than anybody else in the world!





WALES

Wales is located to the west of England. Wales is often called the 'Land of Song'. It's a land of music, poetry and storytelling, as well as great natural beauty.

Head to the mountains!

The **Snowdonia National Park** is one of the most beautiful places in Wales. It is home to Mount Snowdon, the highest peak in Wales. Sir Edmund Hillary trained on Mount Snowdon before climbing Mount Everest! The largest lake and highest waterfall in Wales are in Snowdonia, too!



King of the Castle!

There are more castles in every square mile of Wales than any other place in Europe! Some famous castles are Conwy Castle and Caernarfon Castle. Prince Charles was crowned Prince of Wales in Caernarfon Castle in 1969.



Clever Dogs!

Sheep are everywhere in Wales! They are like tiny white dots all over the countryside.

Farmers use sheepdogs to herd the sheep. Every year there is the Welsh National Sheep Dog Trials, where dogs compete to show off their skills!



Down the Pit



In the past, many Welshmen worked in mines. Most were coal mines, but there were also some gold mines. Life was hard working underground all day. The miners used to sing as they went to and from work. To this day, in almost every village, there are Male Voice Choirs in Wales. Listening to them sing can bring tears to your eyes!

Welcome to Wales



Groeso i Gymru

A Living Language

Many people in Wales speak Welsh. There is a saying: 'It is a blessing to be a Welshman who speaks Welsh'. All the road signs in Wales are in both Welsh and English!

WALES



Population: 3 million

Capital City: Cardiff

Patron Saint: St David

National Flower: Daffodil



LLANFAIRPWLLGWYNGYLLGOGERYCHWYRNDROBWILLANTYSILIOGOGOGCH

There is a village in Wales called Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrob-wlllantysiliogogoch!

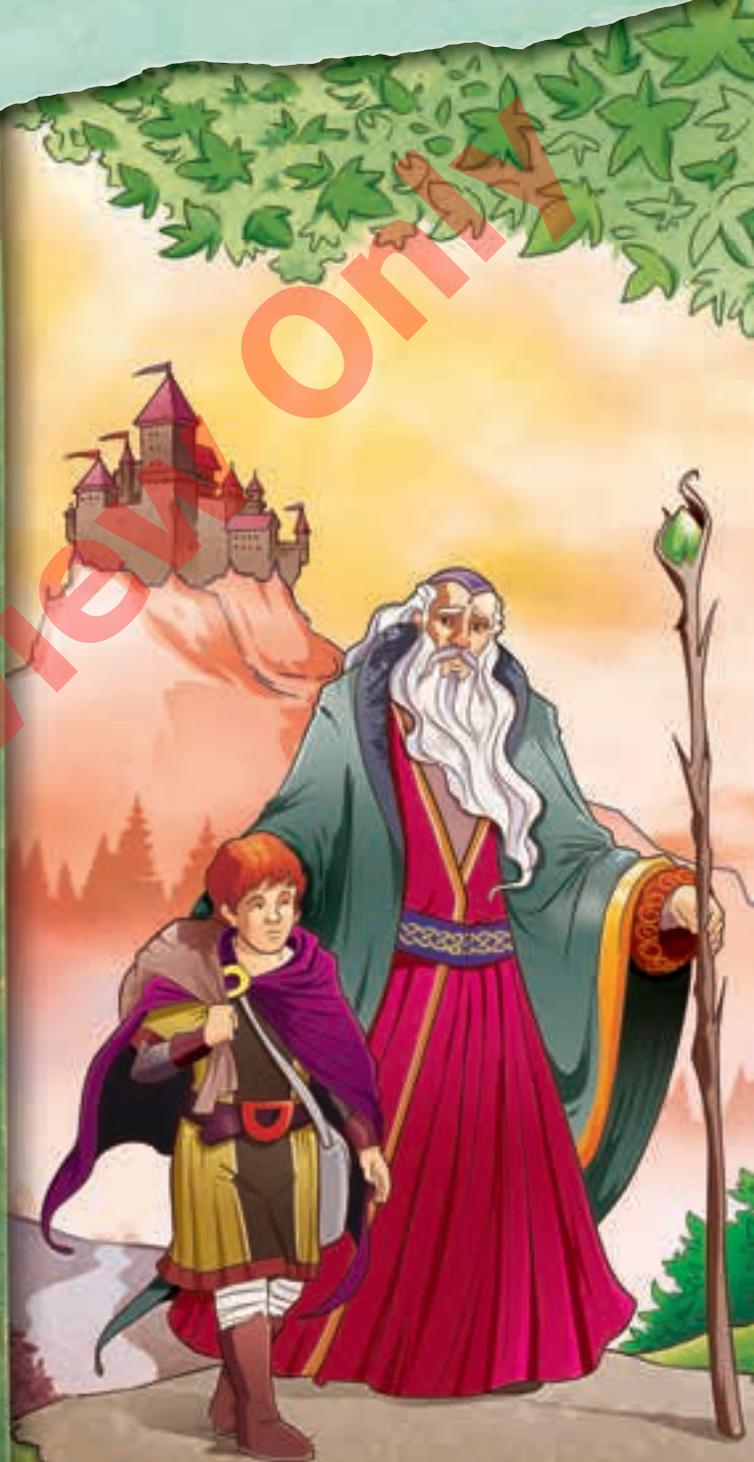


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The Legend of King Arthur

Arthur, a Celtic king, grew to become one of the most famous rulers of Britain. Arthur was born at Tintagel castle and he was the son of King Uther and his wife Igraine.

At this time in England, there were many wars and England was often attacked by outsiders. Uther wanted his son to be safe, so he sent Arthur with his wizard, Merlin, to a safe place. Merlin took Arthur to the home of Sir Ector and his son Kay. Arthur grew up believing they were his family. He did not know who his real father was.



Years later, when Arthur was sixteen years old, King Uther died. There were many arguments over who would be the next king. Merlin decided to use his magic to settle the arguments once and for all! He made a stone appear outside St Paul's Cathedral in London. Stuck in the stone, there was a sword. On the sword were the words: "The man who pulls this sword out of the stone will be the next king of England." Many men tried to pull out the sword, but they all failed.

Then, one day, Arthur and his brother Kay went to a sword fighting tournament in London. Arthur forgot Kay's sword and ran to find it. He saw the sword in the stone, and thinking he would give it to Kay, he pulled it out. Everyone looked at Arthur in surprise. They realised that their new king was here at last!



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ENGLAND

1 Label the pictures.

black cab

forest

island

double-decker bus

tower

railway

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3



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5



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2



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4



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6



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2 Read and circle the correct words.

- 1 England is the **smallest** / **largest** country in the UK.
- 2 Liverpool is a(n) **city** / **island** in England.
- 3 You can find dinosaur **hills** / **fossils** on the Isle of Wight.
- 4 There is a 34-kilometre **gap** / **field** between England and France.

- 5 Over **8** / **53** million people live in London.
- 6 Trafalgar Square is a famous **tower** / **landmark** in London.
- 7 The Shard is the tallest **mountain** / **building** in Europe.
- 8 Big Ben is the name of the **bell** / **light** inside the tower.



3 Read and match. Then write sentences.

- 1 Birmingham and Leeds are
- 2 The Isle of Sheppey is
- 3 The Channel Tunnel
- 4 London is the
- 5 The Tube is the
- 6 The rose is the

- a opened in 1994.
- b oldest railway network in the world.
- c national flower of England.
- d major cities in England.
- e capital city of England.
- f an island in England.

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

4 OVER TO YOU: @ Read and choose. Use the Internet to help you.

- 1 The were first to settle where London is today.
a Romans b Egyptians
- 2 Buckingham Palace has got rooms.
a 170 b 775
- 3 London is the first city to host the Olympics
a twice b three times
- 4 England is than Japan.
a bigger b smaller
- 5 is the most popular sport in England.
a Football b Windsurfing
- 6 Double-decker buses are
a red b red and black
- 7 The world's first public zoo opened in
a Manchester b London
- 8 There are over languages spoken in England.
a 300 b 30

2 WALES

1 Look at the pictures. Look at the letters. Write the words.

1

m l c i b



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4

e p e h s



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2

t l w a l a f e r



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5

o c i h r



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3

o d f l a i d f



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6

l s e t a c



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2 Read and put a tick (✓) or a cross (X).

- 1 Wales is located to the east of England.
- 2 Mount Snowdon is the highest peak in Wales.
- 3 Prince Charles was crowned Prince of Wales in Snowdonia.
- 4 Farmers use sheepdogs to herd the sheep.
- 5 In the past, there were coal and gold mines in Wales.
- 6 Road signs in Wales are only in Welsh.





3 Read and choose the correct sentences.

- 1 a Sir Edmund Hillary trained on Mount Snowdon.
b Sir Edmund Hillary trained on Mount Everest.
- 2 a People call Europe the 'King of the Castle'.
b People call Wales the 'King of the Castle'.
- 3 a The Welsh National Sheep Dog Trials take place twice a year.
b The Welsh National Sheep Dog Trials take place every year.
- 4 a Many Welshmen worked in mines in the past.
b Many Welshmen worked in forests in the past.
- 5 a The daffodil is the national flower of Wales.
b The rose is the national flower of Wales.
- 6 a Swansea is the capital city of Wales.
b Cardiff is the capital city of Wales.



4 **OVER TO YOU:** @ How much do you know about Wales? Read and circle. Use the Internet to help you.

- 1 The national sport of Wales is **tennis** / rugby.
- 2 The official animal of Wales is the **dragon** / sheep.
- 3 St David's Day is on **1st March** / 1st May.
- 4 **Conwy** / **St David's** is the smallest city in Britain.
- 5 The letters **B, C, D and F** / **K, Q, V and Z** do not appear in the Welsh alphabet.
- 6 Tenby is a popular **beach resort** / **stadium** in Wales.

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The Legend of King Arthur

1 Look, read and choose.

1



- a king
- b wizard

3



- a sword
- b cathedral

5



- a equal
- b injured

2



- a fight
- b die

4



- a safe
- b brave

6



- a knight
- b ruler

2 Read and complete the sentences.

settle wise took attacked wounds win failed stuck

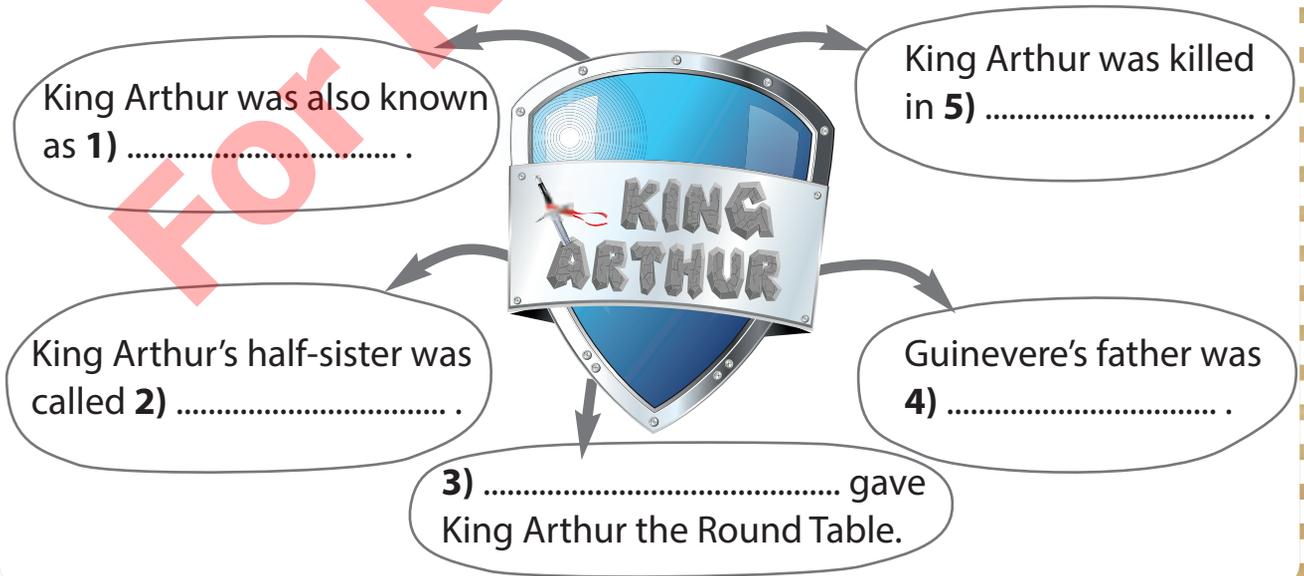
- 1 England was often by outsiders.
- 2 Merlin used his magic to the arguments.
- 3 There was a sword in the stone.
- 4 All men to pull out the sword.
- 5 Arthur ruled as a king.
- 6 Arthur used the magic sword to many battles.
- 7 Mordred over Camelot while Arthur was away.
- 8 Arthur's were treated by three mysterious women.

3 Read and match.

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 King Arthur was the son of | a built a castle, Camelot. |
| 2 Merlin took Arthur to live with | b Arthur was badly injured. |
| 3 When Uther died, people argued over | c Camelot when Arthur was away. |
| 4 Merlin used his magic to make | d Sir Ector and his son Kay. |
| 5 When Arthur took out the sword, | e King Uther and Queen Igraine. |
| 6 Arthur married Guinevere and | f treated Arthur's wounds. |
| 7 The Lady of the Lake gave Arthur | g who would be the next king. |
| 8 Mordred, Arthur's enemy, took over | h it meant he was the next king. |
| 9 Arthur and Mordred fought and | i a magic sword, Excalibur. |
| 10 Three mysterious women | j a stone with a sword in it. |

4 OVER TO YOU: @ Complete the spidergram. Use the Internet to help you.

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|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| a Guinevere's father | c King Leodegrance | e 'The One, True King of the Britons' |
| b the Battle of Camlann | d Morgan le Fay | |



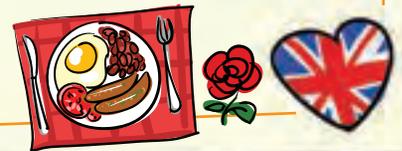


1 Complete the postcards.

- male voice choir
- mountain
- cab
- Cardiff
- Channel Tunnel
- Shard
- sheep
- Buckingham Palace
- Caernarfon Castle
- dinosaur
- road signs

Dear Raul,
 Greetings from London, England! Having a great time. At the moment we are outside the **1)**, the tallest building in Europe! We rode in a famous black **2)** today. Our next stop is the Queen's London home, **3)** Tomorrow we are going to the Isle of Wight. I want to collect some **4)** fossils! On Saturday we are going to go to France on a train through the **5)**! Can't wait!

Wish you were here,
 Bonita



Dear Angela,
 Greetings from Wales! We are in Snowdonia at the moment. The highest **6)** in Wales is here. The countryside is beautiful and I really love seeing **7)** everywhere. They're so cute!

All the **8)** here are in Welsh and English, so I'm trying to learn some Welsh! This evening we are going to listen to the beautiful singing of a **9)** Tomorrow we are going to **10)**, where Prince Charles was crowned Prince of Wales. On Sunday we are going to visit the capital, **11)** I'm having a great time here.

Cymru am byth! (Wales forever!)
 Sam



PICTURE DICTIONARY

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