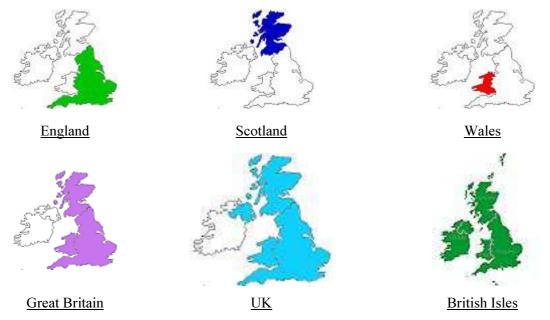
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Great Britain is made up of: England, Scotland and Wales. United Kingdom = Great Britain + Northern Ireland The UK's full and official name is the "United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland". The flag of UK is called the Union Jack. The capital of the UK is London. Political system of the UK: constitutional monarchy (monarchia konstytucyjna) The Royal Family : Queen Elisabeth II, her son Prince Charles, her grandson William

Country	Symbol	Patron	Capital
England	Rose (róża)	Saint George	London
Wales	Daffodil (żonkil)	Saint David	Cardiff
Scotland	Thistle (oset)	Saint Andrew	Edinburgh
Northern Ireland	Shamrock (koniczyna)	Saint Patrick	Belfast



History of the making of the UK

1536 - Act of Union joins England and Wales

1707 - Act of Union unites Scotland and England, together with Wales to form the Kingdom of Great Britain.

1801 - The Irish Parliament voted to join the Union. The then Kingdom of Great Britain becomes the **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland**.

1922 - Name changed to **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**, when most of the Southern counties in Ireland choose independence.

British Isles

The British Isles - made up of several islands: Great Britain, Ireland, The Orkney and Shetland Islands, The Isle of Man, Hebrides, The Isle of Wight, Lundy Island, The Channel Islands

The Weather: warm summers and cool winters.

The British currency is the pound sterling. The sign for the pound is $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}$

The most popular attractions in LONDON are:

- 1. London Eye The big wheel which gives you a panoramic view of London
- 2. Changing of the guard Buckingham Palace and Whitehall.
- 3. Tower of London and Tower Bridge Home to the Crown Jewels
- 4. Hamleys The worlds biggest toy store
- 5. Picadilly Circus
- 6. Covent Garden Street entertainment, shopping and nightlife
- Museums and Art Galleries British Museum - Best museum for history Madam Tussauds - Wax models of the famous people
- 8. Buckingham Palace Home of the Royal Family
- 9. Trafalgar Square
- 10. St. James Park
- 11. Westminster Abbey
- 12. Houses of Parliament
- 13. Canary Wharf Tower
- 14. St Paul's Cathedral
- 15. Hyde Park
- 16. Globe Theatre

Symbols of England

Big Ben Policeman Tower of London Black Taxi Foot Guard Buckingham Palace Life Guard Double Decker Bus London Eye Royal Coat of Arms St Paul's Cathedral Pint of Beer Tower Bridge Union Flag

Important dates in the Calendar

January	June	
1st <u>New Year's Day</u>	Wimbledon Tennis Tournament	
	August	
February	Notting Hill Carnival	
14th <u>Valentine's Day</u>	September	
March	Harvest Festival	
1st <u>St David's Day</u>	October	
17th <u>St. Patrick's Day</u>	31st <u>Halloween</u>	
March/April	November	
Shrove Wednesday	5th <u>Bonfire Night</u>	
Lent	30th <u>St Andrew's Day</u>	
Maundy Thursday	December	
Good Friday	Advent	
Easter	24th Christmas Eve	
April	25th <u>Christmas</u>	
1st <u>April Fool's Day</u>	26th <u>Boxing Day</u>	
23rd <u>St George's Day</u> May		
1st <u>May Day</u>		

	UK	USA
Full Name	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	United States of America
Continent	Europe	North America
	Constitutional monarchy	Constitution-based federal republic
	Head of State Queen Elizabeth II Head of Government Theresa May	President Donald Trump
Government	Parliament	Congress
Flag		
Currency	Sterling pound (£ 1 pound = 100 pence)	USA Dollar (USD) (\$ 1 dollar = 100 cents)
National Anthem	God Save the Queen	The Star Spangled Banner
Language	British English	American English
Capital City	London	Washington D.C.
	Land	
Total land area (sq.km)	244,110 sq km	9,826,630 sq km
Highest mountain	Ben Nevis 1343m	Mount McKinley (Denali) 6,194m
lowest point	The Fens, 4.6 metres below sea level	Death Valley,in California 86 m below sea level
Longest river	Severn 354 km	Mississippi, 3765km
Largest lake	Lough Neagh 396 sq.km	Lake Michigan 57,800 sq. km.
	People	
Total population	60,270,708	293,027,570
Population density per sq.km	250 people per sq km	32 persons per sq km
Top 5 populous cities:	London 7,285,000 Birmingham 1,018,000 Leeds 725,000 Glasgow 611,000 Sheffield 529,000	New York City 8 ,085,742 Los Angeles, 3 ,819,951 Chicago 2,869,121 Houston 2,009,690 Philadelphia 1,479,339