

Can you explain the difference between England, Great Britain and the United Kingdom? No? Well, read on ... England is England. No problem. Great Britain is the name of the island which consists of England, Scotland and Wales. And the United Kingdom (often abbreviated to UK) is the political name of the country that consists of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland (plus a few small islands). A British person is someone who comes from the UK. An English person is someone who comes from England

How much do you know about England?

Read the questions and choose your answer.

1. Who is the patron saint of England?

- a. Sebastian
- b. George
- c. Simon (Templar)
- d. Bernard

2. What do English people do on England's national day?

- a. Drink beer and sing football songs about England
- b. eat Yorkshire puddings
- c. light fires and organize firework displays
- d. recite Robert Burns poetry

3. What is the national emblem of England?

- a. the football hooligan
- b. God Save the Queen
- c. the rose
- d. David Beckham

4. What is a Full English breakfast?

- a. a cure for a hangover
- b. a hot breakfast with bacon, sausage, beans, and eggs and hash browns!
- c. some coffee, if you're lucky
- d. a rare flower grown only in Kent (the Garden of England)

5. Heathrow Airport is the world's busiest airport. It was originally called London Airport but later changed its name to Heathrow. Who or what was Heathrow?

- a. a Conservative prime minister
- b. a character from one of Emily Brönte's novels
- c. a village located under Terminal 3
- d. an ancient Saxon god

6. What percentage of the United Kingdom's population lives in England?

- a. approximately 23 per cent
- b. approximately 43 per cent
- c. approximately 84 per cent
- d. exactly 98.8 per cent

7. Why was 1966 an important year for England?

- a. it was the last time England won the World Cup
- b. England won the Battle of Hastings
- c. England was granted independence from Scotland
- d. it didn't rain

8. Who said, 'Oh, to be in England, Now that April's there'?

- a. poet Robert Browning
- b. pop star Harry Styles
- c. Prime Minister David Cameron
- d. actor Benedict Cumberbatch

9. Complete this quote from the great Samuel Johnson: 'When two Englishmen meet, their first talk is of _____.'

- a. the weather
- b. tea
- c. sport
- d. gardening

10. What happened in Farriner's bakery in Pudding Street?

- a. the first pudding was created
- b. George Danone was born
- c. William Shakespeare was born
- d. the Great Fire of London was started

11. Which city is famous for producing the band Oasis and having a big football stadium?

- a. Liverpool
- b. Manchester
- c. Birmingham
- d. Luton

12. Which is the second largest city in England after London?

- a. Liverpool
- b. Manchester
- c. Birmingham
- d. Luton

13. What is (or was) Hadrian's Wall?

- a. the wall around Buckingham Palace which Hadrian Bloom climbed in 1987
- b. slang for a toilet
- c. the code name used to identify Margaret Thatcher during the Falklands War
- d. the wall that Hadrian built to keep the Scots out of England

**14. What did Napoleon Bonaparte say about England? Complete the quote:
'England is a nation of _____.'**

- a. cowards
- b. puddings
- c. accountants
- d. shopkeepers

Does your country celebrate a national day? Do you think celebrating a national day is a good thing or a bad thing? In pairs, discuss some positives and negatives for celebrating a national day, and write them down. Do you think England should celebrate St George's Day – or not?

Reasons to celebrate

Reasons not to celebrate