

UNIT 1

CULTURE SPOT

ENGLAND



Step 1

Open your book at page 30. Do the quiz in exercise 1 and check your answers in the text below.

CULTURE SPOT

1 Do the quiz and check your answers in the text.

1 England is only one part of the United Kingdom. How many countries are there in the UK?

- a) two
- b) three
- c) four
- d) five

2 What is the capital of England?

- a) Liverpool
- b) Manchester
- c) London
- d) Glasgow

3 Who is the patron saint of England?

- a) St George
- b) St Patrick
- c) St Andrew
- d) St David

4 Which of these writers is NOT English?

- a) Charles Dickens
- b) Agatha Christie
- c) J.R.R. Tolkien
- d) Mark Twain

5 Which of these actors is NOT English?

- a) Rowan Atkinson
- b) Ewan McGregor
- c) Daniel Craig
- d) Jude Law



INTERESTING FACTS

Geography

England is the biggest part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. There are four countries in the UK: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. England's population is about 51 million, around 84% of the population of the UK. London is the capital of England and the UK. It's also the largest city in Europe.

Symbols

The national flower is the red rose, also known as the Rose of England or the Tudor rose. The national animal is the lion, a symbol of bravery.



Patron Saint

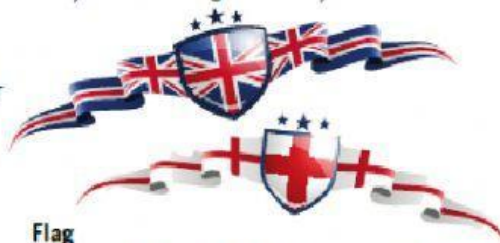
The patron saint of England is St George and the National Day of England is St George's Day, 23 April.

a) Rowan Atkinson

b) Ewan McGregor

c) Daniel Craig

d) Jude Law



Flag

The national flag of England, known as St George's Cross, has been the national flag since the 13th century. In 1606, the St George Cross became part of the Union Jack, the national flag of the UK.

Famous people

There are many famous people from England. Let's mention some famous writers like William Shakespeare, Charles Dickens, Agatha Christie and J.R.R. Tolkien, famous musicians like John Lennon, Paul McCartney, David Bowie, Robbie Williams, Mick Jagger, Elton John, Ed Sheeran and some well-known actors like Rowan Atkinson, Daniel Craig, Jude Law, Clive Owen, Eddie Redmayne, etc.

Step 2

Take a look at the *Listening* task. Listen to Suzie and Peter and number the words in the order they mention them.

LISTENING

1 Listen to Suzie and Peter and number the words below in the order they mention them (1-8).

___ Big Ben	___ Westminster Bridge
___ the Houses of Parliament	___ wax museum
___ Madame Tussauds	___ Millennium Wheel
___ London Eye	___ London Taxi



Step 4

Listen again and complete the sentences in exercise 2.

2 Listen again and complete the sentences.

1 I bet you'd like to be in the company of some _____.

2 If you go to Madame Tussauds, you'll see _____ film stars.

3 It's a _____ wax museum, opened 200 years ago.

4 At Madame Tussauds, you can take a _____ through the history of London.

5 You can witness all the important _____ in London's history.

6 The London Eye is the largest _____ in Europe at a height of 135 metres.

7 The Eye is _____ Big Ben.

8 When you take a ride on the wheel, you'll have a magnificent _____ over London.



Step 6

<https://youtu.be/mSOFNBLMALs>

Watch this *Lonely Planet* guide to London.



Learn more

Do some research online about landmarks, historical and cultural places in England. Pick a travel destination that you find the most interesting and record a 2-minute *speech* explaining why you think you should go there on your next school trip.

