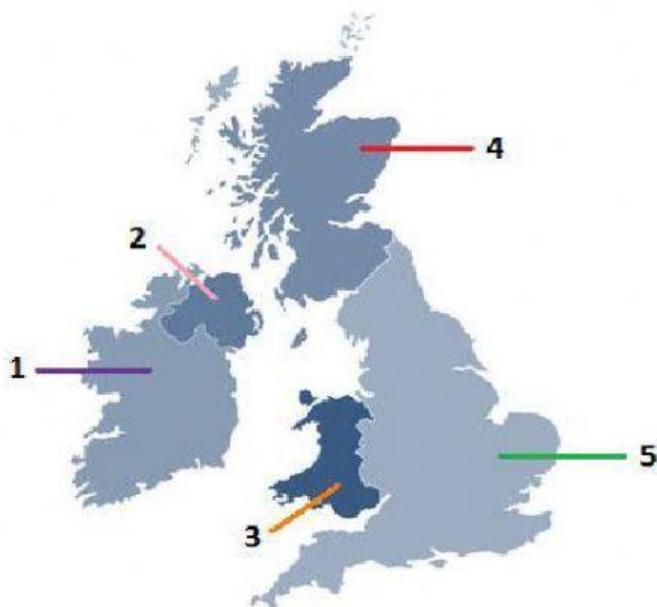


TEST

The United Kingdom



Write the names of these countries on the British Isles.

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The United Kingdom (UK) is a state located on the British Isles in the A_____ Ocean, northwest of continental Europe.

It is part of Europe but separated from France by the E_____ Ch_____. The UK is made up of four countries, E_____, S_____, Northern I_____ and W_____.

Great Britain is the largest of the British Isles (1,000 km long, 480 km wide). Apart from it, the UK occupies part of the island of Ireland and numerous other small islands.

The n_____ and north-west of the country are more mountainous, while the s_____ and e_____ have softer rolling hills and flat lands.

The longest river is the River S_____ , flowing through Wales and England, followed by the River T_____ .

The m_____ climate means that there are no real weather extremes.

The UK is a very populated country with over _____ million people.

The main language spoken is E_____ , but there are lots of regional dialects (accents) across the country. G_____ is spoken in some areas of Scotland, and W_____ is the second language spoken in Wales.

The UK is a constitutional monarchy and has a parliamentary democracy, but the country is also ruled by a monarch (the head of the royal family), currently Queen E_____ .

The Queen doesn't have any real power, and is more of a figurehead.

Parliament is split in two houses –the House of C_____ and the House of L_____ .

The major political parties are the C_____ Party (right wing) and the L_____ Party (left wing).

The prime minister is B_____ J_____ .

The flag is called the U_____ J_____ .

The anthem is G_____ .

L_____ is the capital and the biggest city. Other main cities are Manchester, Birmingham, Leeds, E_____ (the capital of Scotland), Glasgow, Newcastle, C_____ (the capital of Wales) and Liverpool.

The UK has a lot of history. One of its oldest monuments is S_____ , a circle of stones which is 5,000 years old. The oldest human remains, found in Cheddar Gorge, are 9,000 years old.

Other famous places include the Scottish Highlands with B____ N____, the UK's highest mountain (1,344 m), and L____ N____ (with Nessie) in Scotland, the basalt columns of the Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland, the university towns of O_____ and C_____ , S_____ -upon- Avon, where Shakespeare was born, and of course London.