

CULTURE

THE UNITED KINGDOM

FACTFILE The United Kingdom

There are three countries in Great Britain. They are England, Scotland and Wales. The United Kingdom is different. It is Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) and Northern Ireland. The United Kingdom is a good place for young people to visit. There's lots to see and do.



1 Discuss the questions with your partner.

- 1 Where are you from?
- 2 Where are people in your family from?
- 3 Do you know any places in the United Kingdom? Which ones?

2 Look at the map and the photos on the web page. Guess the answers.

- Where is Ross from? • Where is Owen from?
- Where is Emily from? • Where is Poppy from?

3 Read the web page quickly. Were your answers in Exercise 2 correct?



Caernarfon Castle

Hello, I'm Owen and I'm **Welsh**.
Caernarfon Castle is in Wales. It's a very big castle. Look at the photo!
Rugby is an important sport in Wales.



Loch Ness

Hi, I'm Ross and I'm **Scottish**.
Loch Ness is in Scotland. It's a famous lake. 'Loch' is a Scottish word that means 'lake'.
The thistle is a symbol of Scotland.



The Shambles

Hello, I'm Poppy and I'm **English**.
The Shambles is in York, England. It's a very old street.
The lion is a symbol of England.



The Giant's Causeway

Hi, I'm Emily and I'm **Northern Irish**.
The Giant's Causeway is in Northern Ireland. Can you see the big rocks in the photo? These rocks are very old. There is a story about a giant and the rocks.
The shamrock is a symbol of Ireland.

4 Read the web page again. Write the countries.

- 1 Loch Ness is in _____.
- 2 Caernarfon Castle is in _____.
- 3 The Shambles is in _____.
- 4 The Giant's Causeway is in _____.
- 5 The shamrock is a symbol of _____.
- 6 The lion is a symbol of _____.
- 7 Rugby is an important sport in _____.

5 Match the countries to the nationalities.

Country	Nationality
England	Welsh
Scotland	Northern Irish
Wales	British
Northern Ireland	Scottish
Britain	English

6 Listen, check and repeat.

6 Complete the sentences with the highlighted words from the text.

- 1 Ross is from Scotland. He's _____.
- 2 Poppy is from England. She's _____.
- 3 Owen is from Wales. He's _____.
- 4 Emily is from Northern Ireland. She's _____.

Look at the web page again to check.

7 Look at the map. Write the capital cities.

- 1 Scotland → _____
- 2 England → _____
- 3 Wales → _____
- 4 Northern Ireland → _____

8 Listen, check and repeat.

TALKING POINTS

Where are your mum and dad from?
What is the capital city of your country?

8 Listen to the interview with two young people from the United Kingdom. Which capital cities from Exercise 7 do they talk about?

9 Listen again. Choose the correct words in the table.

	Shona / Susan	Mark / Max
Name		
Nationality	Welsh / Scottish	Northern Irish / English
Dad's nationality	Northern Irish / Scottish	Welsh / Northern Irish
Mum's nationality	Scottish / Spanish	Welsh / English
City	Edinburgh / Belfast	Cardiff / London
Good place to visit	park / castle	Big Ben / Regent's Street

PROJECT

A poster

In small groups or pairs, make a poster about another English-speaking country. On your poster, put:

- a map of the country
- the names of big cities
- names and pictures of places to visit
- pictures of the country's symbols
- pictures of popular sports
- information about the country's money

Finally, present your poster to the class.

INTERESTING FACT!

The name of the money in the UK is pounds (£) and pence (p).
For '£2.00' we say two pounds, and for '10p' we say ten pence or 'ten p'.