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Many people around __ world call __ country where __ Queen Elizabeth II lives __ Great Britain. The official name of this country is __ United Kingdom of __ Great Britain and __ Northern Ireland or __ UK. It is situated on __ British Isles. __ biggest two islands are called __ Great Britain and __ Ireland. These two islands are separated by __ Irish Sea. __ UK is separated from the continent by __

English Channel and __ Strait of __ Dover. It is also washed by __ Atlantic Ocean in __ west and __ North Sea in __ east. __ United Kingdom of __ Great Britain consists of __ 4 countries which are __ England, __ Wales, __ Scotland and __ Northern Ireland. Their capitals are __ London, __ Cardiff, __ Edinburgh and __ Belfast. The head of this state is __ Queen __ Elizabeth II who lives in __ Buckingham Palace which is in __ London.



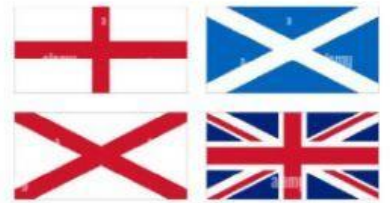
More than __ 56 million people live in __ UK. A lot of them live in big industrial cities in __ centre of __ England, such as __ Liverpool, __



Manchester and __ Liverpool. Much of __ land is open country. There are lots of __ lonely hills, __ quiet rivers, __ deep lakes and green farmlands, especially in __ south of __ country.

Everyone in __ Britain speaks __ English, but in __ some parts of __ Scotland and __ Wales people speak __ Scottish and __ Welsh.

As you know, ___ flag of ___ United Kingdom of ___ Great Britain is known as ___ Union Jack. It is made up of ___ 3 crosses: ___ cross of ___ St. George (___ patron saint of ___ England), ___ cross of ___ St. Andrew (___ patron saint of ___ Scotland) and ___ cross of ___ St. Patrick (___ patron saint of Ireland).



There is no doubt, ___ UK is ___ awesome country with rich culture and old traditions.

Would you like to visit it some day?

