A PLACE OF MANY LANGUAGES

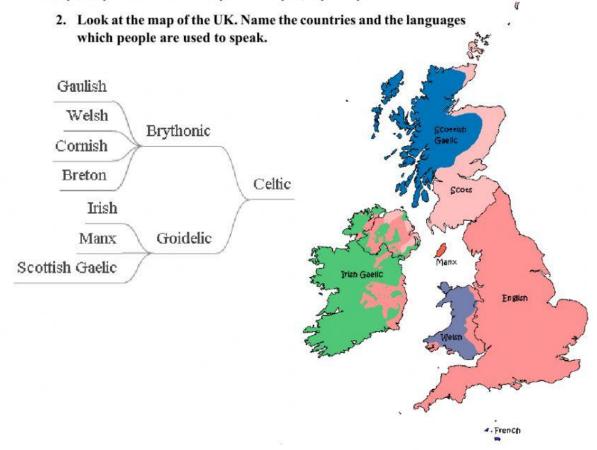
1. Read and translate the text.

Almost everybody in the British Isles speaks English but it's not the only language. If you go to Wales you will see television programmes, notices and road signs in Welsh and hear people speaking it. About 600,000 people speak Welsh there. In Scotland, some people speak Gaelic, especially in the Highlands, and in Ireland, Gaelic or 'Erse' is sometimes used: about 500,000 people in Ireland speak Gaelic every day. The people are proud of their national languages, which all come from the Celtic language. They are very different from English. For example: 'How are you?' is 'Shwmae' in Welsh and 'Ciamar a tha thu?' in Gaelic.

'Wales' is 'Cymru' in Welsh and 'Scotland' is 'Alba' in **Gaelic.** There are other languages which very few people speak. In Cornwall, in the south-west of England, only a few hundred people speak **Cornish**. On the Isle of Man, an ancient language known as **Manx** is used on special occasions.

You will hear lots of other languages, especially in big cities. People who have come to the British Isles from India, Pakistan and Bangladesh may speak **Hindi**, **Punjabi or Bengali**, for example.

As well as different languages, you will hear many different accents and dialects. People in Liverpool have a different accent from people in Birmingham, Leeds, Glasgow, Cardiff, London or Manchester, which is near Liverpool. In Newcastle, in the northeast of England, there is a dialect known as 'Geordie'. It has several special words: if the people want to call Someone 'darling' or 'honey', they use the word 'hinny': "I love you, my hinny."



Cockney Rhyming Slang

Rhyming slang is believed to have originated in the mid-19th century in the East End of London, with sources suggesting some time in the 1840s. It dates from around 1840 among the predominantly Cockney population of the East End of London who are well-known for having a characteristic accent and speech patterns.

3. Try to guess the meaning of the Cockney slang words. Writhe it down.

| Rhyming slang | Meaning | Example |
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| Adam and Eve | | Would you Adam and Eve it? |
| Alligator | | See you alligator. |
| Apples and Pears | | Get up those apples to bed! |
| Bacon and Eggs | | She has such long bacons. |
| Barnet Fair | | I'm going to have my barnet cut. |
| Bees and Honey | | Hand over the bees. |
| Butcher's Hook | | I had a butchers at it through the window |
| Crust of Bread | | Use your crust, lad. |
| Daffadown Dilly | | She's a bit daffy. |
| Loaf of Bread | | Think about it; use your loaf. |
| Mince Pies | | What beautiful minces. |
| Oxford Scholar | | Could you lend me an Oxford? |
| Rabbit and Pork | | I don't know what she's rabbiting about. |
| Scarpa Flow | | Scarpa! The police are coming! |
| Trouble and Strife | | The trouble's been shopping again. |
| Uncle Bert | | I'm ironing my Uncle. |
| Weasel and Stoat | | Where's my weasel? |