



Welsh Culture

LANGUAGE



About 20% of Welsh people are bilingual. They speak English and Welsh. Welsh is a very old language, and people are making an effort to keep the language alive. At schools in Wales, all

children have Welsh lessons. And most of the road signs in Wales are in both English and Welsh.

MUSIC

Wales is sometimes called 'the land of song'. Music is an important part of Welsh culture. Many pop stars and opera singers come from Wales, like Stereophonics, Tom Jones and Charlotte Church. But the country is especially famous for its male voice choirs. Many boys and men of all ages join choirs. They meet every week to practise. They sing songs in Welsh and in English.



SPORT

People in Wales play many kinds of sport, but the national sport is rugby. Rugby is a very physical sport. In rugby, you can score goals and tries. You score a goal when you kick the ball between the other team's goal posts. You score a try when you put the ball on the ground behind the other team's goal line. There are men's rugby teams and women's rugby teams, too.

**What is your country famous for?
Are people bilingual in your country?**

Read and select the correct option.

- 1 What percentage of people in Wales speak Welsh?
- 2 Is Welsh a young language?
- 3 What is special about most road signs in Wales?
- 4 What is Wales sometimes called?
- 5 What type of choir is Wales famous for?
- 6 What is the national sport of Wales?