

# England



1. Complete the text with the words from the box

English – white - Wales – red - George - Scotland – rose – beer - constitutional monarchy - English Channel – London – tea - Pound – fish and chips -

## GENERAL FACTS: ENGLAND

England is the largest country in The UK. It shares land borders with 1. \_\_\_\_\_ to the West and 2. \_\_\_\_\_ to the North. It is separated from Europe by the North Sea and the 3. \_\_\_\_\_. England includes 100 small islands. People who live there are called 4. \_\_\_\_\_. They speak English but, as England is a multicultural country, many other languages are spoken too. The English flag is a 5. \_\_\_\_\_ cross on a 6. \_\_\_\_\_ background. It is Saint George's flag. Saint 7. \_\_\_\_\_ is the patron saint of England. The symbol of England is the 8. \_\_\_\_\_. The Tudor rose. The capital city is 9. \_\_\_\_\_. London is the most important and the most populated city in all England. Other important cities are Manchester, Birmingham, Liverpool and Bristol. The name "England" is derived from the Old English name *Englaland*, which means "land of Angles". As part of the United Kingdom, the basic political system in England is a 10. \_\_\_\_\_. There has not been a government of England since 1707, when the Acts of Union came into effect. Before the union, England was ruled by its monarch and the Parliament of England. Today England is governed directly by the Parliament of the United Kingdom, although other countries of the United Kingdom have devolved governments. England is part of the European Union but the English currency is the 11. \_\_\_\_\_ Sterling. England has many important celebrations for example, Guy Fawkes Night or Remembrance Day. Another important tradition is 12. \_\_\_\_\_. English people drink a lot of tea. Their cuisine is not so good. The most popular food is 13. \_\_\_\_\_. Their most popular sport is soccer (football for us). However their national sport is cricket. They also love 14. \_\_\_\_\_. There is almost a pub in every corner of England. English climate is horrible. The sun doesn't shine very often. English people are known by their umbrellas and hats. England is famous for many things: its long history of Kings and Knights, the industrial revolution, legends like Robin Hood, Merlin and King Arthur. It is famous for its old Universities (Oxford, Cambridge) for William Shakespeare, The Beatles, Harry Potter, The Rolling Stones, Wimbledon, The Big Ben, the red buses, the black cabs and many other things...

2. Match questions A- J with their answers 1- 10

- A. What's the capital city of England?
- B. What's the most popular sport?
- C. What does the word "England" mean?
- D. Where is England located?
- E. What's the symbol of England?
- F. What's the national currency?
- G. What colour is the flag?
- H. What's the government system?
- I. What's one of the oldest universities in England?
- J. What's the national sport?

- 1. Cricket
- 2. Red and White
- 3. Soccer
- 4. Pound Sterling
- 5. Cambridge
- 6. Constitutional monarchy
- 7. "land of Angles"
- 8. London
- 9. In the United Kingdom
- 10. The Tudor Rose