The UK

- England
- Scotland
- Wales
- Northern Ireland

England, Scotland and Wales are on an island in the north-west of Europe called Great Britain. Great Britain together with Northern Ireland is called the United Kingdom, or UK.

England is the largest part of the UK. Its name comes from people called the Angles, who came from Germany 1500 years ago. About 53 million people live in England and the capital city is London.

Scotland is in the north of Britain. Over 5 million people live in Scotland. The highest mountain in the UK is in Scotland. It is called Ben Nevis and is 1,345 metres tall. The capital city of Scotland is Edinburgh but the largest city is Glasgow.

Wales is in the west of Britain. About 3 million people live there and about 20 per cent of them speak Welsh. Welsh is one of the oldest languages in Europe. The Welsh flag has a picture of a dragon! The capital of Wales is Cardiff.

Northern Ireland is a part of Ireland, an island west of Britain. Nearly 2 million people live there. The Giant's Causeway is a popular tourist attraction. There are huge rocks made by lava from a volcano, but an old story says that a giant built it! The capital of Northern Ireland is Belfast.

The UK is in Europe.	**yes**	**no**
England is the smallest part of the UK.	**yes**	**no**
Angles came from France.	**yes**	**no**
Scotland is in the north of Britain.	**yes**	**no**
The highest mountain of the UK is in Wales.	**yes**	**no**
The largest city of Scotland is Glasgow.	**yes**	**no**
Some people in Wales speak Welsh.	**yes**	**no**
Welsh is a very old language.	**yes**	**no**
The Giant's Causeway is in Scotland.	**yes**	**no**
Belfast is in Northern Ireland.	**yes**	**no**