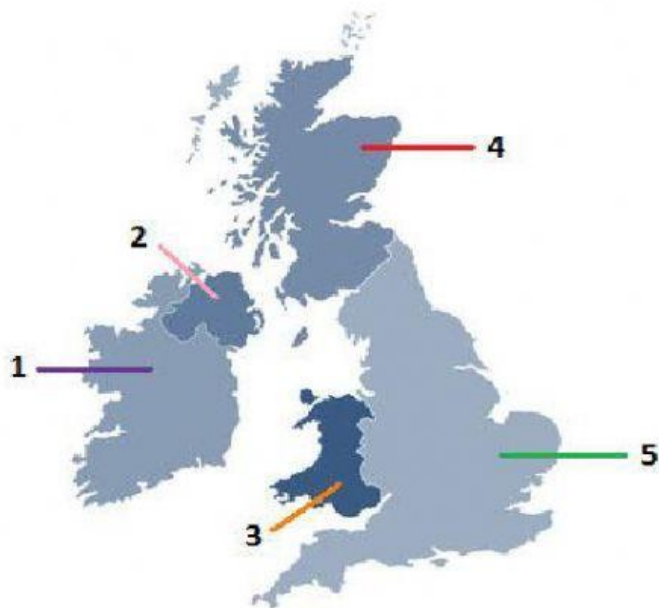


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## The United Kingdom



Write the names of these countries on the British Isles.

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The United Kingdom (UK) is a state located on the British Isles in the A\_\_\_\_\_ Ocean, northwest of continental Europe.

It is part of Europe but separated from France by the E\_\_\_\_\_ Ch\_\_\_\_\_. The UK is made up of four countries, E\_\_\_\_\_, S\_\_\_\_\_, Northern I\_\_\_\_\_ and W\_\_\_\_\_.

Great Britain is the largest of the British Isles (1,000 km long, 480 km wide). Apart from it, the UK occupies part of the island of Ireland and numerous other small islands.

The n\_\_\_\_\_ and north-west of the country are more mountainous, while the s\_\_\_\_\_ and e\_\_\_\_\_ have softer rolling hills and flat lands.

The longest river is the River S\_\_\_\_\_, flowing through Wales and England, followed by the River T\_\_\_\_\_.

The m\_\_\_\_\_ climate means that there are no real weather extremes.

The UK is a very populated country with over \_\_\_\_\_ million people.

The main language spoken is E\_\_\_\_\_, but there are lots of regional dialects (accents) across the country. G\_\_\_\_\_ is spoken in some areas of Scotland, and W\_\_\_\_\_ is the second language spoken in Wales.

The UK is a constitutional monarchy and has a parliamentary democracy, but the country is also ruled by a monarch (the head of the royal family), currently Queen E\_\_\_\_\_.

The Queen doesn't have any real power, and is more of a figurehead.

Parliament is split in two houses –the House of C\_\_\_\_\_ and the House of L\_\_\_\_\_.

The major political parties are the C\_\_\_\_\_ Party (right wing) and the L\_\_\_\_\_ Party (left wing).

The prime minister is B\_\_\_\_\_ J\_\_\_\_\_.

The flag is called the U\_\_\_\_\_ J\_\_\_\_\_.

The anthem is G\_\_\_\_\_.

L\_\_\_\_\_ is the capital and the biggest city. Other main cities are Manchester, Birmingham, Leeds, E\_\_\_\_\_ ( the capital of Scotland), Glasgow, Newcastle, C\_\_\_\_\_ (the capital of Wales) and Liverpool.

The UK has a lot of history. One of its oldest monuments is S\_\_\_\_\_, a circle of stones which is 5,000 years old. The oldest human remains, found in Cheddar Gorge, are 9,000 years old.

Other famous places include the Scottish Highlands with B\_\_\_\_\_ N\_\_\_\_\_, the UK's highest mountain (1,344 m), and L\_\_\_\_\_ N\_\_\_\_\_ (with Nessie) in Scotland, the basalt columns of the Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland, the university towns of O\_\_\_\_\_ and C\_\_\_\_\_, S\_\_\_\_\_ -upon- Avon, where Shakespeare was born, and of course London.