

BRITISH CULTURE

1 What is a common breakfast item in the UK?

- A pancakes
- B croissants
- C full English breakfast
- D bagels

2 What time is “tea time” traditionally in the UK?

- A 10 a.m.
- B 12 p.m.
- C 3-5 p.m.
- D 7 p.m.

3 Which sport is traditionally associated with Wimbledon in the UK?

- A cricket
- B rugby
- C tennis
- D soccer

4 Which British hobby involves solving cryptic clues?

- A sudoku
- B crossword puzzles
- C jigsaw puzzles
- D chess

5 Which British TV show is known for its long-running soap opera format?

- A friends
- B EastEnders
- C the office
- D breaking bad

6 Which British author created the character Sherlock Holmes?

- A J.K. Rowling
- B Agatha Christie
- C Arthur Conan Doyle
- D Charles Dickens

7 Who is the current head of state in the United Kingdom?

- A Prime Minister
- B President
- C King Charles III
- D Queen Elizabeth II

8 Which houses are parts of the UK Parliament? Choose 2 answers

A The House of Representatives

B The House of Commons

C Senate

D The House of Lords

9 What is a typical feature of British houses?

A basements

B front porches

C terraced housing

D front and back gardens

10 Which types of housing is common in urban areas in the UK?

A detached houses

B semi-detached houses

C flats

D bungalows

11 Which British author wrote the Harry Potter series?

A J.R.R. Tolkien

B George Orwell

C J.K. Rowling

D Charles Dickens

12 Which British scientist is known for his theory of evolution?

A Isaac Newton

B Charles Darwin

C Stephen Hawking

D Alexander Fleming

13 What is the national sport of England?

A rugby

B cricket

C soccer

D tennis

14 What is the traditional British dish?

A fish and chips

B bangers and mash

C Shepherd's pie

D roast beef

15 What is the name of the British royal residence in London?

A Windsor Castle

B Buckingham Palace

C Kensington Palace

D Balmoral Castle

16 What is the British equivalent of the American “elevator”?

- A lift
- B escalator
- C stairs
- D conveyor

17 What is the British term for the American “truck”?

- A lorry
- B van
- C car
- D bus

18 What is the official residence of the British Prime Minister?

- A Buckingham Palace
- B 10 Downing Street
- C Windsor Castle
- D The White House

19 What is the name of the UK’s national anthem?

- A God Save the Queen
- B Rule, Britannia
- C Land of Hope and Glory
- D Jerusalem

20 What is the traditional drink served during afternoon in the UK?

- A coffee
- B tea
- C hot chocolate
- D lemonade

21 What is the name of the UK’s Parliament building?

- A The White House
- B The Capitol
- C The Palace of Westminster
- D The Tower of London

22 What is the name of the river that flows through London?

- A The Thames
- B The Seine
- C The Danube
- D The Rhine

23 What is the name of the UK’s flag?

- A The Union Jack
- B The Stars and Stripes
- C The Maple Leaf
- D The Tricolor

- 24 What is the traditional British drink served in pubs?
A wine
B beer
C whiskey
D cider
- 25 What is the name of the famous clock tower in London?
A Big Ben
B The Shard
C The Gherkin
D The Tower of London
- 26 The United Kingdom consists of
A England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales
B England, Finland, Wales, and Scotland
C England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland
D England, Wales, Netherland, and Scotland
- 27 In the UK, what does the political power rest with?
A The monarchy
B The elected Parliament
C The House of Lords
D The president
- 28 What is the capital of the UK?
A London
B Cardiff
C Belfast
D Edinburgh
- 29 What is the currency of the UK?
A pound sterling
B dollar
C Euro
D rouble
- 30 Which exam do school students in England and Wales take at the age of 16?
A Bachelor of Arts
B GCSE
C AS levels
D SAT
- 31 Which the below is usually a type of fee-paying school?
A State School
B Private School
C Public School
D Boarding School

32 Who or what in the United Kingdom is said to “reign but not rule?”

A The Prime Minister

B The King

C The Houses of Parliament

D The City of London (London’s financial centre)

33 When is Guy Fawkes Night celebrated?

A 2 November

B September

C 31 October

D 5 November

34 What is the national flower of England?

A shamrock

B thistle

C daffodil

D the Red Rose

35 Britain’s oldest university is

A Cambridge

B Oxford

C London University

D Kingston University

36 What are England, Wales and Scotland, together with small adjacent islands, collectively known as?

A The United Kingdom

B The British Isles

C Great Britain

D Britain

37 Haggis is a food of

A Scotland

B Wales

C England

D Northern Ireland

38 Loch Ness is in

A Scotland

B Wales

C Northern Ireland

D England

39 The highest mountain is

A Ben Nevis

B Snowdon

C Ben Macdui

D Catbells

- 40 What are the two types of British newspaper?
- A Normal and tabloid
 - B Popular and famous
 - C Tabloids and broadsheets
 - D quality and broadsheets
- 41 What are British-dimensional films?
- A Titanic, the Lord of the Ring, Harry Potter, Pirate of Caribbean
 - B Titanic, Harry Potter, Tomb Raiders, 500 soldiers
 - C Titanic, Indiana Jones, 500 soldiers, 11/9
 - D Titanic, transformers, fast and furious, Harry Potter
- 42 Shrove Tuesday is also known as
- A May Day
 - B Boxing Day
 - C Pancake Day
 - D Gift Day
- 43 Stonehenge is in
- A Scotland
 - B England
 - C Wales
 - D Ireland
- 44 In the UK, bank holidays refer to
- A holidays by seaside
 - B racing boat holidays
 - C public holidays
 - D travel holidays
- 45 Which exam do school students in England and Wales take at the age of 18?
- A Bachelor of Arts
 - B GCSE
 - C A's levels
 - D SAT

In the UK

Children start ¹*primary* school when they are five. Before that, many children go to

² _____ school, e.g. between the ages of two and four, but this is not compulsory. From 11–18, children go to ³ _____ school. The majority of schools in the UK (about 90%)

are ⁴ _____ schools, which means that they are paid for by the government, and education is free. The other 10% are ⁵ _____ schools, where parents have to pay. A few of these are ⁶ _____ schools, where children study, eat, and sleep. There are also some ⁷ _____ schools, where the teachers may be priests or nuns.

Schoolchildren are usually called ⁸ _____ (not 'students' which only refers to people who are at university), and the person who is in charge of a school is called the ⁹ _____ teacher. The school year is divided into three ¹⁰ _____.

If you want to go to university, you have to take exams in your last year, and if your results are good enough, you get a place. A person who has finished university and has a degree is called a ¹¹ _____.

