

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland



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Clock Tower of the Palace of Westminster in London is known around the world under the name of Big Ben.



The United Kingdom is made up of four countries:



Scotland



Wales



England

Northern Ireland







87 million
people

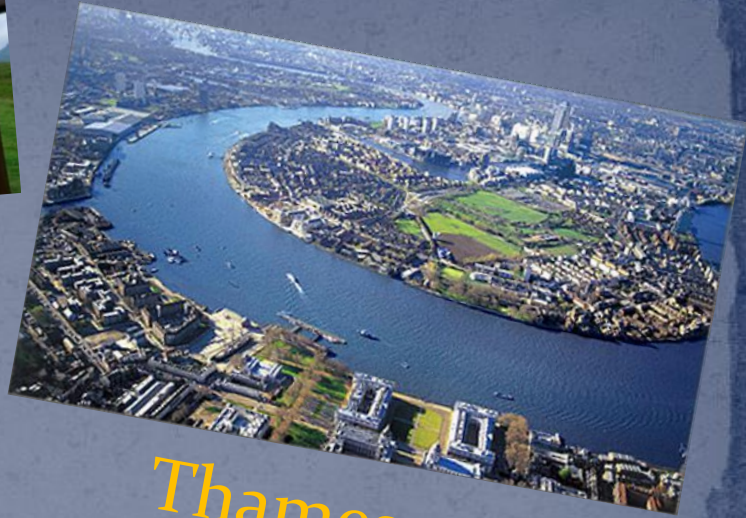




The total area of Great Britain is 244,000 square km.



Ben Nevis



Thames



Loch Morar



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Interesting facts about the UK

- Big Ben - the name of the bell, not the clock.
- French was the official language of about 300 years.
- The shortest war England was in 1896 against Zanzibar. Zanzibar surrendered after 38 minutes.
- In the UK, there is no place from which the sea would have been more than 119 km.
- The first telephone directory published in England, contained 25 names.
- Great Fire of London was incredibly devastating, but his victims were only 8 people.
- The world's first store opened hot chocolate in London.
- In England speak about 300 languages.
- The British drink more tea than anybody else in the world.
- In the Middle Ages, the animals could be brought to trial for the crimes (and even sentenced to death).
- Author US national anthem - the Englishman.
- Gargoyles were originally used as drain pipes.
- The Buckingham Palace has its own police station.
- In England, more chicken than people.

