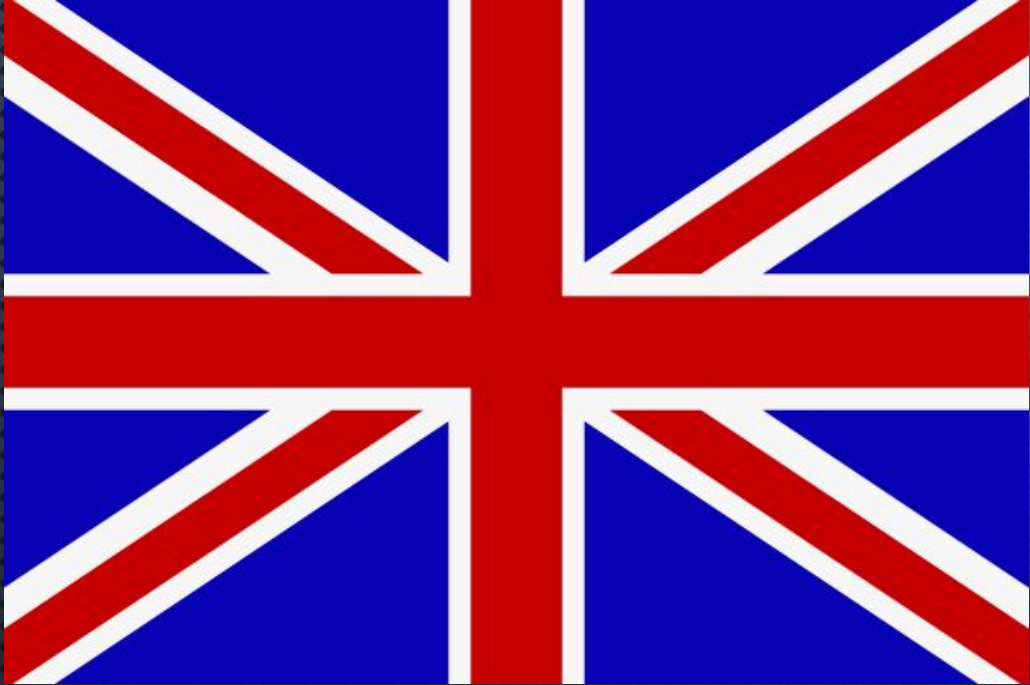


ENGLAND





- ENGLAND IS THE BIGGEST OF THE FOUR COUNTRIES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.
- OVER 50 MILLION PEOPLE LIVE IN ENGLAND. IT IS A MULTICULTURAL COUNTRY WHERE MORE THAN 250 LANGUAGES ARE SPOKEN IN THE CAPITAL CITY, LONDON.
- THE NATIONAL FLAG OF ENGLAND IS WHITE WITH A RED CROSS. IT IS CALLED THE ST GEORGE'S CROSS BECAUSE SAINT GEORGE IS THE PATRON SAINT OF ENGLAND. ST GEORGE'S DAY IS ON APRIL 23RD, BUT IT'S NOT A PUBLIC HOLIDAY. THE ROSE IS THE NATIONAL FLOWER OF ENGLAND AND THE LION IS THE NATIONAL ANIMAL. THE LION IS THE SYMBOL FOR MANY ENGLISH SPORTS TEAMS.

LANGUAGE

THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF ENGLAND IS ENGLISH, WHICH IS SPOKEN TODAY BY MILLIONS OF PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD.

MANY STUDENTS GO TO ENGLAND FROM OTHER COUNTRIES TO STUDY THE LANGUAGE AND LEARN ABOUT THE CULTURE.

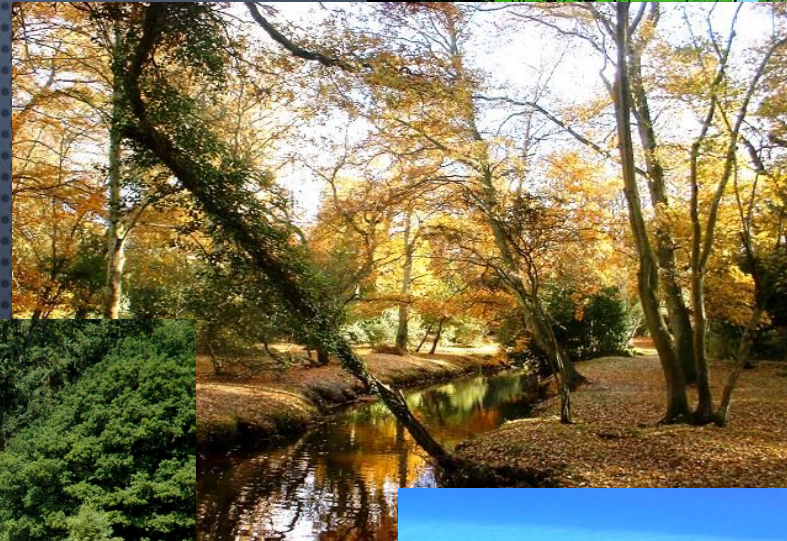
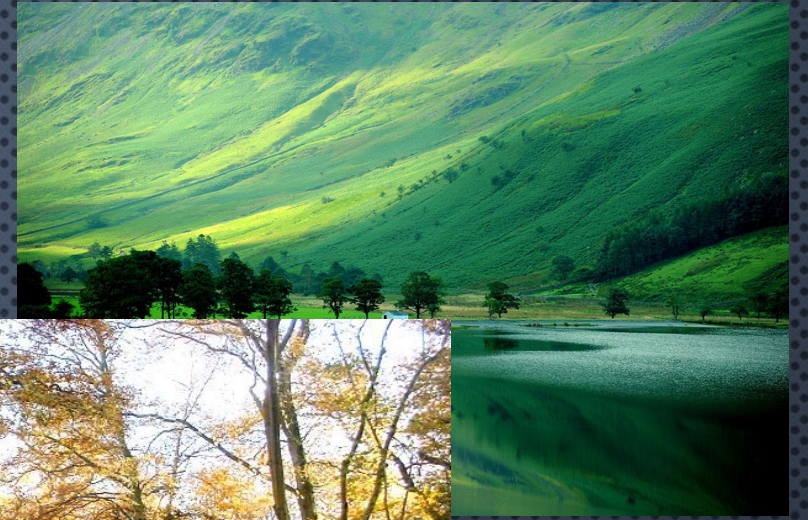




- THE UNITED KINGDOM IS A CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY. THE HEAD OF THE MONARCHY IS QUEEN ELIZABETH II, BUT LAWS AND POLITICAL DECISIONS IN ENGLAND ARE MADE BY THE PARLIAMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM. THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT ARE IN CENTRAL LONDON NEXT TO THE RIVER THAMES AND THE MOST FAMOUS PART IS THE CLOCK TOWER, BIG BEN.



- ENGLAND IS A VERY GREEN COUNTRY AND HAS MANY RURAL AREAS OF NATURAL BEAUTY SUCH AS 'THE LAKE DISTRICT', AN AREA WITH LOTS OF LAKES IN THE NORTH, OR 'THE NEW FOREST', A BIG AREA OF FOREST IN THE SOUTH OF THE COUNTRY.



LONDON



THE CAPITAL OF ENGLAND, LONDON, IS THE MOST VISITED CITY. THE IMPORTANT PLACES TO BE SEEN IN LONDON ARE, WESTMINSTER ABBEY, THE ROYAL BUCKINGHAM PALACE AND THE CHANGING OF THE GUARDS. THE TOWER OF LONDON IS WORTH WATCHING. YOU CAN TAKE A CRUISE ALONG THE GORGEOUS AND FAMOUS THAMES RIVER. THE MAGNIFICENT ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL AND CROWN JEWELS ARE OTHER PLACES TO BE SEEN IN LONDON. DO NOT FORGET TO TAKE A TOUR OF THE LIVELY AREAS OF PICCADILLY, VICTORIA AND GROSVENOR GARDENS AND COVENT GARDENS.



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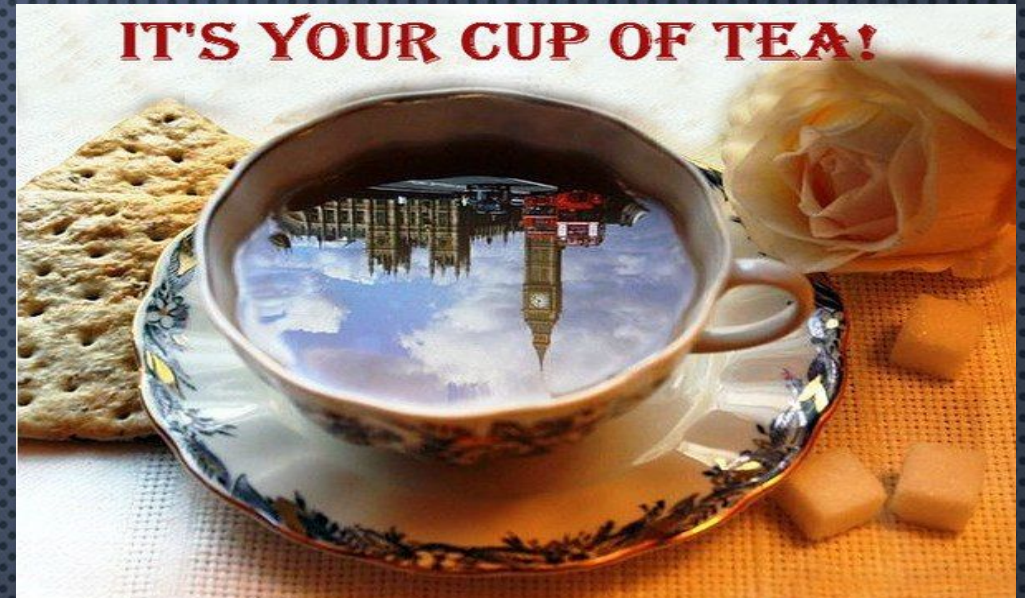
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OXFORD IS THE HOME OF THE OLDEST UNIVERSITY OF ENGLAND.
CAMBRIDGE IS THE HOME OF BRITAIN'S SECOND OLDEST UNIVERSITY.

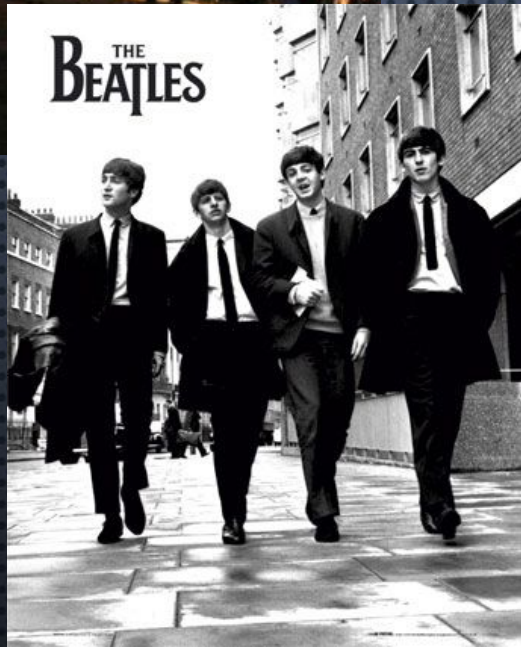
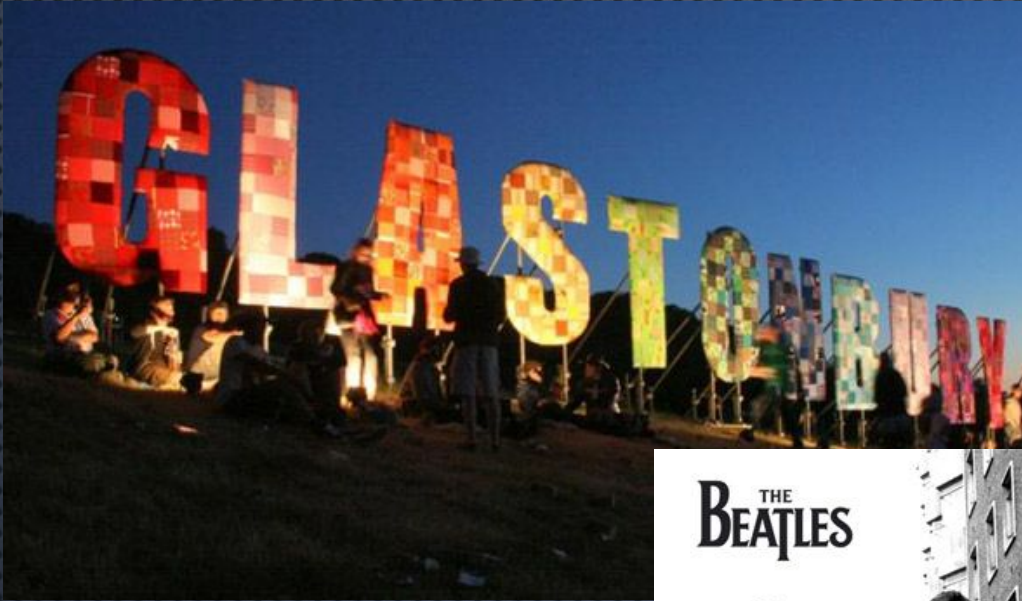


FOOD

- ENGLAND IS A VERY MULTICULTURAL COUNTRY AND THIS HAS A BIG INFLUENCE ON THE FOOD PEOPLE EAT. INDIAN, CHINESE AND ITALIAN CUISINES ARE A POPULAR ALTERNATIVE TO TRADITIONAL ENGLISH FOOD LIKE FISH AND CHIPS, ROAST BEEF OR SAUSAGE AND MASH (MASHED POTATOES). MANY ENGLISH PEOPLE DRINK SEVERAL CUPS OF TEA EVERY DAY, USUALLY WITH MILK. HOWEVER, DIFFERENT TYPES OF COFFEE, LIKE ESPRESSO AND CAFE LATTE, AND HERBAL TEAS ARE ALSO POPULAR.



MUSIC



- ENGLISH PEOPLE LOVE MUSIC. IN THE SUMMER YOU CAN GO TO MUSIC FESTIVALS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY LIKE THOSE AT GLASTONBURY, LEEDS OR READING. GLASTONBURY IS A FIVE-DAY FESTIVAL OF MUSIC, DANCE, COMEDY, THEATRE AND CIRCUS AND AROUND 175,000 PEOPLE GO. MANY PEOPLE STAY AT THE FESTIVALS FOR A FEW DAYS AND THEY CAMP IN TENTS. PEOPLE LISTEN TO ALL TYPES OF MUSIC, ESPECIALLY POP AND ROCK. ENGLAND HAS PRODUCED MANY INTERNATIONAL GROUPS AND SINGERS LIKE THE BEATLES, AMY WINEHOUSE, COLDPLAY AND ADELE.

SPORT

- THE MOST POPULAR SPORTS IN ENGLAND ARE FOOTBALL, RUGBY AND CRICKET. ENGLISH FOOTBALL TEAMS LIKE MANCHESTER UNITED, CHELSEA AND LIVERPOOL ARE WORLD-FAMOUS AND ENGLISH FOOTBALL PLAYERS INCLUDE DAVID BECKHAM, WAYNE ROONEY AND FRANK LAMPARD. CRICKET IS A TRADITIONAL SPORT PLAYED WITH A BAT AND BALL WHICH BEGAN IN ENGLAND AND IS NOW PLAYED ALL OVER THE WORLD. PEOPLE LIKE TO WATCH ALL THESE SPORTS ON TV AND OTHER SPORTS LIKE HORSE RACING, TENNIS AND MOTOR RACING



WELCOME

TO ENGLAND