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# Great Britain



- The full name of the country is the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
- The United Kingdom is situated on the British Isles.
- The island of Great Britain consists of three main parts: England, Wales and Scotland.
- The British Isles are the home of four nations – English, Scottish, Welsh and Irish.
- The capital of the country is London. The United Kingdom is a parliamentary monarchy.
- There are many places of interest in different part of this country.

# London



As well as being the capital of England, London is the capital of the United Kingdom, its political, economic and cultural centre. It's one of the largest cities in the world. The city is very old and beautiful. London has many places of interest.

# Stonehenge



Stonehenge – one of the most known constructions in the world. It is an ancient circle from stones. Diameter of a circle is 30 meters. It has 82 five – ton megaliths, 30 stone blocks on 25 tons every one, and 5 huge triliths, which weight of 50 tons. Constructions of Stonehenge proceeded within 2000 years. The Stonehenge was created 5000 years ago. The Stonehenge is a monument to knowledge and skill of our ancestors.

# The Tower of London



The Tower of London is one of the most imposing and popular of London's historical sites. It comprises not one, but 20 towers. The Tower of London was a fortress, a palace, a prison and the King's Zoo. The Tower is famous as home of the Crown Jewels. They include the Crown of Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, which contains the celebrated Indian diamond.

# Westminster Abbey



On the other side of Parliament Square is Westminster Abbey. It is one of the most famous and beautiful churches in London. It is very old too. It is more than nine hundred years old. There are so many monuments and statues there. Many English kings and queens are buried there. Westminster Abbey is famous for the Poet's Corner too. Many great writers are buried there. The Abbey with its two tall towers is really wonderful.

# Big Ben



The large clock in one of the towers is Big Ben. It weighs 13.5 tons. Big Ben is the name of the clock and the bell of the clock tower of the Houses of Parliament. The clock and the bell got their names after Sir Benjamin Hall. He was a tall man, whose nickname was Big Ben. So people know the clock as Big Ben.





# Trafalgar Square



Trafalgar Square was built at the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> century to commemorate the Battle of Trafalgar. Admiral Lord Nelson's statue stands on top of a column in the middle of Trafalgar Square. The large square is a traditional place for people to meet: all sorts of protest meetings are held in Trafalgar Square. At Christmas time carol singers gather round a huge Christmas tree which is sent to Britain from Norway every year.

# St. Paul's Cathedral



St. Paul's Cathedral has always dominated the centre of London. It is the work of the eminent architect Sir Christopher Wren. The present building was completed in 1710. It is an architectural masterpiece. Londoners have a particular affection for St. Paul's, which is the largest Protestant church in England. The place is often visited by numerous tourists who are shown the remarkable Whispering Gallery in the high dome of St. Paul's Cathedral.

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