

# The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

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# The Geographic position of the UK

The United Kingdom of Great Britain is situated on the British isles. The 2 main isles are Great Britain and Ireland. The UK consists of 4 parts. England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. You can see the capitals of these countries on the map.

# Look at the map



# Countries and their capitals

The capital of England is London. The capital of Scotland is Edinburg and the capital of Northern Ireland is Belfast.

# London

London is a city full of museums, galleries and other places. The British Museum is situated there. The British museum is the biggest museum in London and this museum is one the most famous museums in the world. It is in Great Russell street. You can see a lot of different collections in the museum: coins, collections of pain things and a lot other collections. There are a lot places to visit in London.

# The National emblems of the UK

The national emblem of England is the red rose.  
The national emblem of Scotland is the thistle.  
The national emblems of Wales are the daffodil and the leek and the national emblem of Northern Ireland is the shamrock.

# The Political system of the UK

- It's interesting but the Queen doesn't rule the country as she has no power. She meets different people, holds meetings and just lives for her own pleasure. In general, she has a good life without worries and cares. Would you like to live the same life as the Queen?

The real power in Great Britain belongs to the British Parliament and to the British Government. The British Parliament consists of 2 houses: the House of Lords and the House of Commons. The House of Lords change laws and discusses them, it can delay laws too and the House of Commons makes laws and takes taxes. By the way the members of the House of Lords are not elected they are selected and the members of the House of Commons are selected. People elect 650 members every 5 years.

# British sports and games

The British people like sport games. The most favorites games are football, tennis and cricket. Though many of them go in for such sports as golf and hockey, athletics and climbing, horse riding and boating, rugby and rowing.



# The national holidays of the UK

There are many public holidays in Great Britain. They are Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year`s Day, May Day and etc.

On these days all banks and all places of business are closed and practically everyone takes a holiday. But besides public holidays the British people observe certain traditions on such days as Pancake Day, Guy Fawkes Night, St. Valentine`s Day, April Fool`s Day and Mother`s Day. They are ordinary working days unless they fall on a Sunday.