

United Kingdom

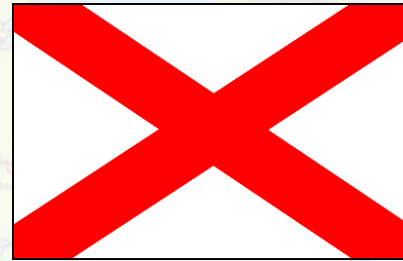


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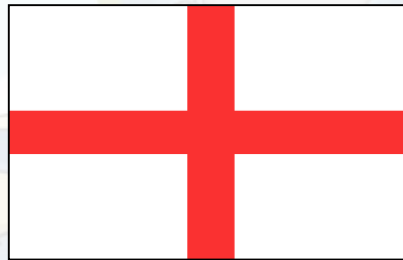
The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (also referred to as the UK) is made up of four countries:



Scotland



Northern Ireland



England



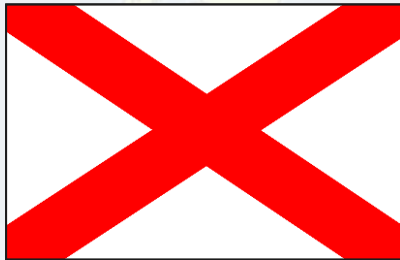
Wales

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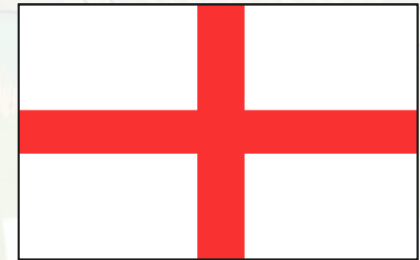
The flag of the UK combines the crosses of three patron saints:



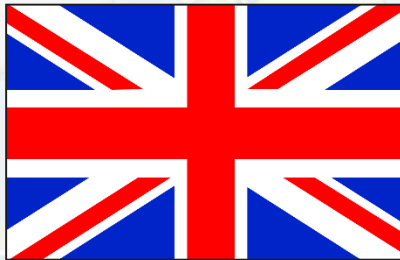
St Andrew: Scotland



St Patrick: Northern Ireland



St George:
England



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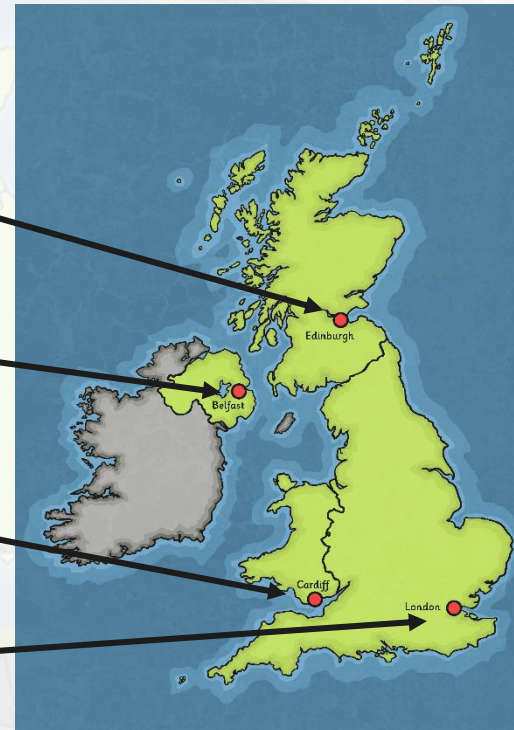
The capital city of the United Kingdom is London. In addition, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland each have their own capitals (the capital city of England is also London).

The capital city of Scotland is Edinburgh.

The capital city of Northern Ireland is Belfast.

The capital city of Wales is Cardiff.

The capital city of England is London.



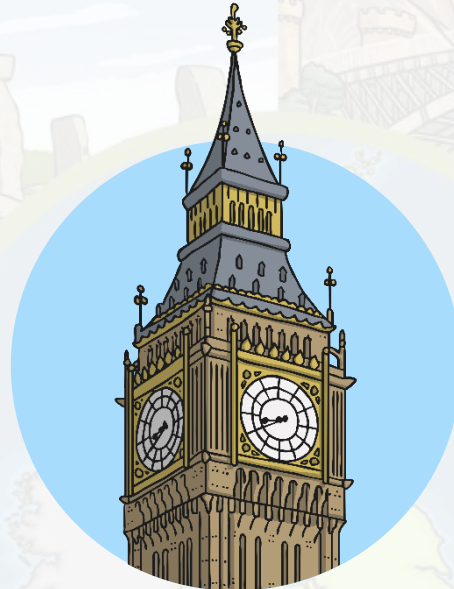
Culture

Name of Country:
United Kingdom of
Great Britain and
Northern Ireland

Population:
64.1 million

Official Language:
English

Major religions:
Christianity
Islam
Hinduism
Judaism
Buddhism



Houses of
Parliament



Stonehenge



Buckingham Palace

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Lake District

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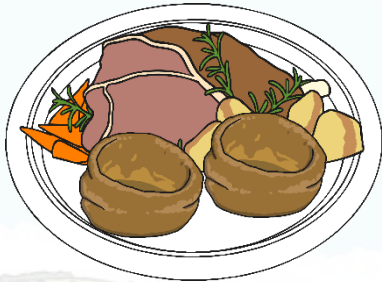


Cardiff

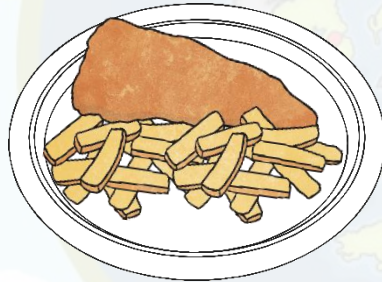
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Food

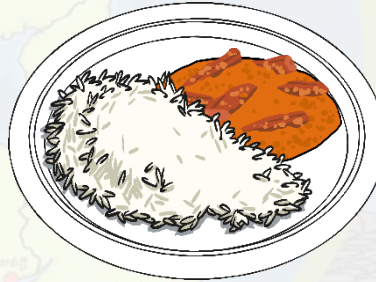
Traditional British food is often based around simple, local ingredients. However, the UK's rich cultural heritage has influenced food to create a wide range of dishes and flavours. Some common British dishes include:



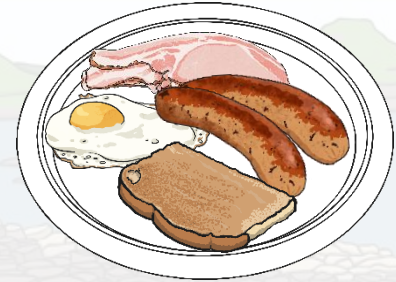
roast beef and
Yorkshire pudding



fish and chips



chicken tikka
masala



full English
breakfast

School

Each of the countries in the UK have their own school systems.

Education usually begins at the age of 4 or 5.

There are three main stages of education.

- primary
- secondary
- tertiary (including college, sixth-form and university)

State schools are free to attend whereas private schools are paid for.



