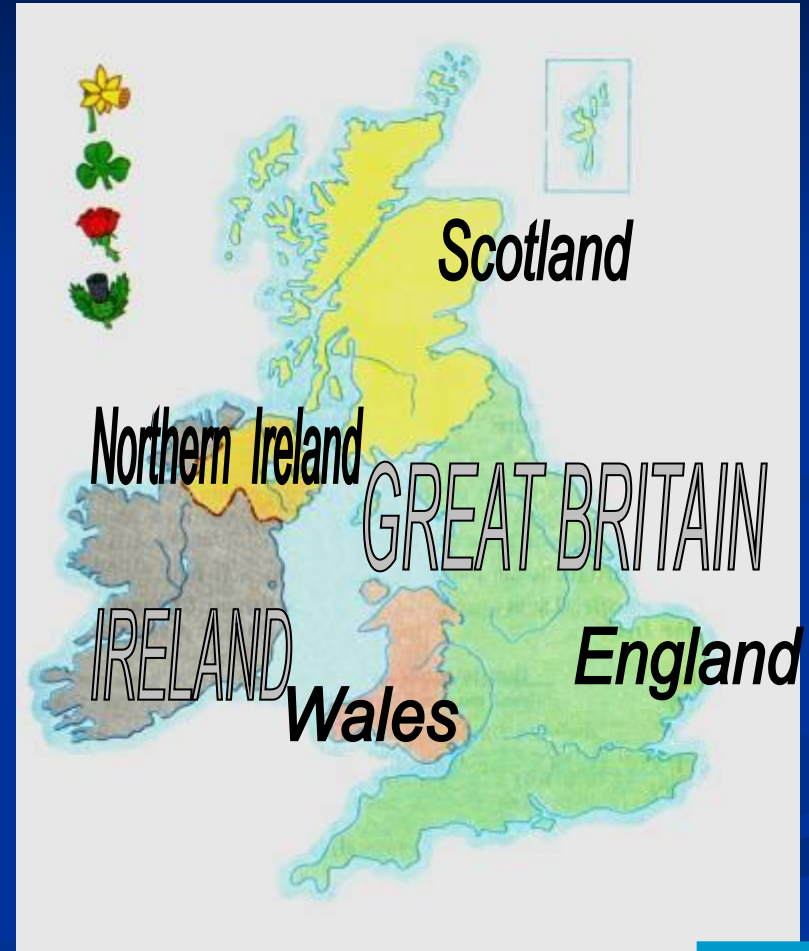


England and Northern Ireland



Geographical Position

The UK is the official name of the state which is situated in the British Isles. Thus, “Great Britain”, the main island, is often the same as the UK. It consists of four countries which are England, Scotland and Wales (in Great Britain) and Northern Ireland (in Ireland). The UK is separated from the continent by the English Channel and the Strait of Dover.

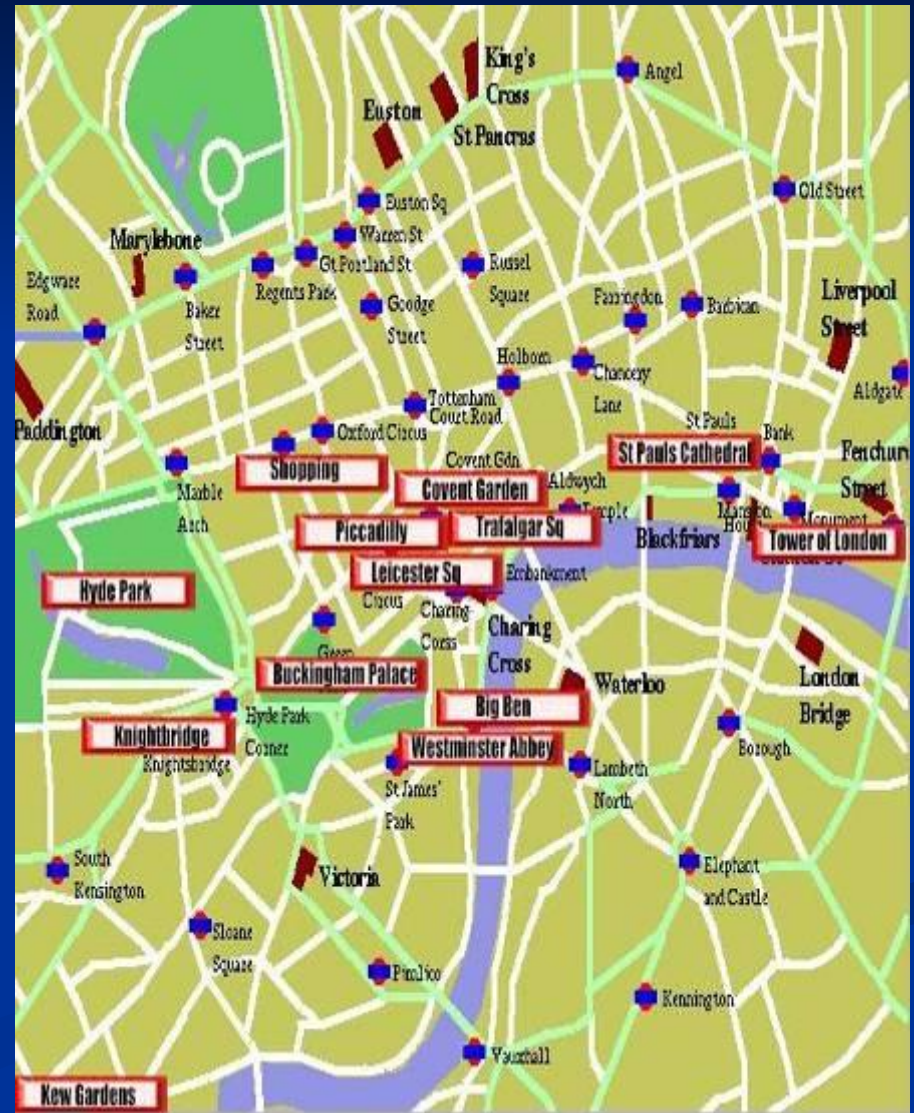


Countries / Capitals

- England is the largest part. London is its capital.
- Scotland takes up one third of the territory of Great Britain. Edinburgh has been the capital since the 15th century.
- Wales became part of England in 1536. The capital of Wales (or Cymry as they call themselves) is Cardiff.
- Northern Ireland is the smallest part. It occupies the northeast of the island of Ireland, only one-sixth of its territory. Its capital city is Belfast.

London

- London is the capital of England and the UK and it is one of the largest cities in the world.
- It is situated upon both banks of the River Thames.
- The City extends over an area of about 2.6 square kilometres is the heart of London. It is the financial centre of the UK with many banks, offices and the Stock Exchange.
- The West End with its historical palaces and parks and the East End with a famous port are the other parts of London.





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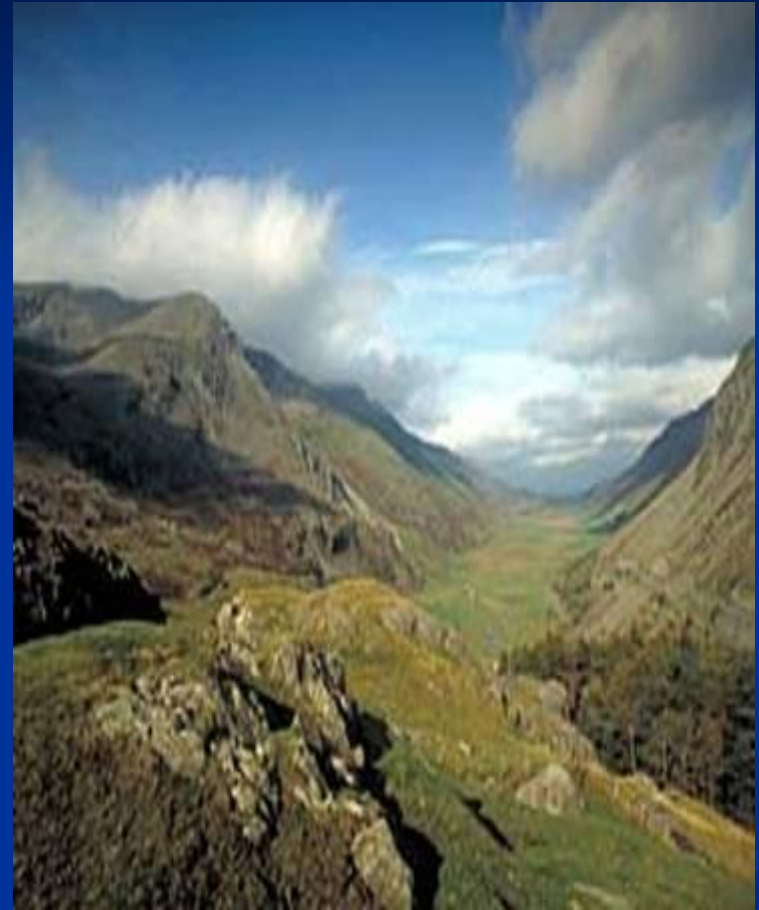
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