

NORTHERN
IRELAND

A rural landscape at sunrise or sunset. The sun is a bright yellow circle in a hazy, pinkish-orange sky. In the foreground, there is a field of tall grass. In the middle ground, there is a fence and several trees, including a large, leafy tree on the right. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

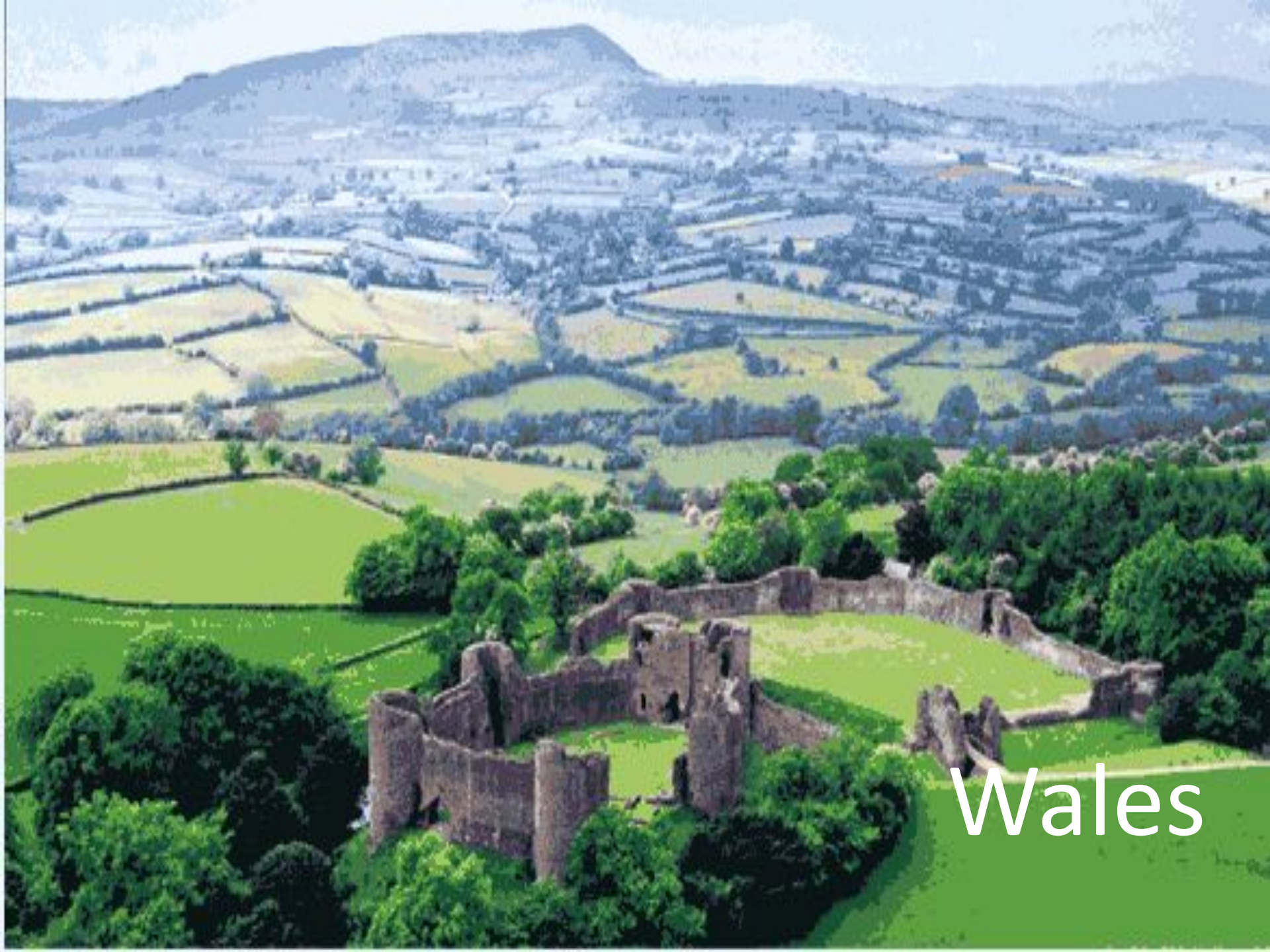
The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

The UK consists of four parts





England



Wales



Scotland

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Northern Ireland



Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland is the smallest component of the UK.

It is the north-west part of the island of Ireland.

It consists of 6 counties.

Climate

- *The climate of Northern Ireland is mild with warm winters and cool summers.*
- *It often rains in summer.*



It`s a land of green fields , forests and farms.



It's also a land of mountains and valleys, streams and waterfalls.



The Symbol of Northern Ireland

The **Shamrock**, a three-leafed plant similar to a clover is an unofficial symbol of Ireland and Northern Ireland. Shamrocks are said to bring good luck.



Saint Patrick



St. Patrick is
the patron
saint of Ireland.

He was one of those
who brought Christianity to Ireland.



Saint Patrick's Day Parade

- This parade is held on the 17-th of March, the day of the main Irish saint. But it takes place not only in Ireland now.



Population

The population of Northern Ireland is about 1.5 million people .

53% live in towns.

Northern Ireland is an agricultural region.

There are a lot of small family farms there.



Language

The official language of Northern Ireland is English.

Some people speak the Irish form of Gaelic.



Education

In Northern Ireland education is compulsory for all children aged 5 to 16 years old.



Belfast

Belfast is the capital of Northern Ireland.

It was founded in 1609.

579 554 people live there.

It is an industrial centre of Northern Ireland.

It is a large port.



There are many old churches and cathedrals, ancient monuments and historical buildings in the town.





Belfast Castle is set on the slopes of Cavehill Country Park. It's the symbol of Belfast.



Queen's University was opened in 1849 as "Queen's College, Belfast".



Belfast Zoo is one of the top fee-paying visitor attractions. Located in north Belfast, the zoo's 55-acre site is home to more than 1,200 animals and 140 species.



Belfast Botanic Gardens is a public park in Belfast. It's very popular with office workers, students and tourists. The Ulster Museum is located at the main entrance.

Donegall Square

- *Donegall Square is situated in the centre of Belfast. It's surrounded by the monuments of the Victorian era.*





The Giant Causeway (Тропа великанов)

- People can admire the beauty of unusual landscape.
- The **Giant's Causeway** is an area of about 40,000 basalt columns , the result of an ancient volcanic eruption.
- It is located in County Antrim on the northeast coast of Northern Ireland.
- The width is 20-30 metres.
- The height is 6 metres.





Castles in Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland is famous for its castles. They stretch like an iron chain across the country.



Carrickfergus Castle

- It is situated in County Antrim, at the north side of the Belfast Lough. It played a very important role.
- It was built in 1177 by John de Courcy, who wanted to control the entrance to the Belfast Lough.



Northern Ireland

- Northern Ireland is a wonderful country.
- It`s full of history.
- The people are very friendly and hospitable there.



Quiz

- How many parts are there in the UK?
- What is the smallest part of the UK?
- How many counties does Northern Ireland consist of?
- It often rains in winter, doesn't it?
- What is the symbol of Northern Ireland?
- What is the population of Northern Ireland?
- What is the official language?
- What is the capital of Northern Ireland?
- What is Northern Ireland famous for?