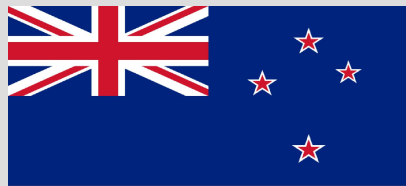
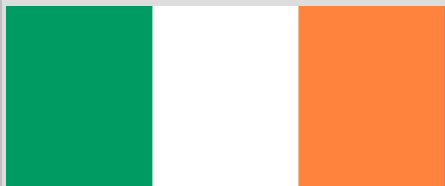
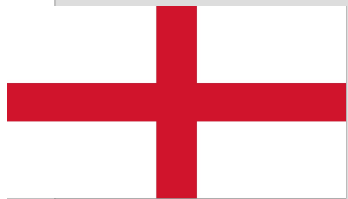
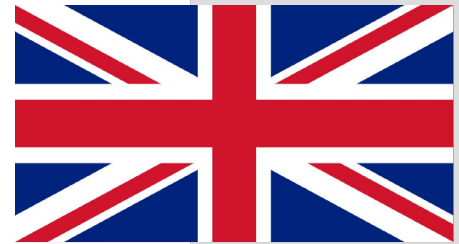
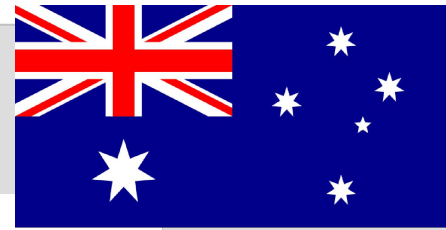
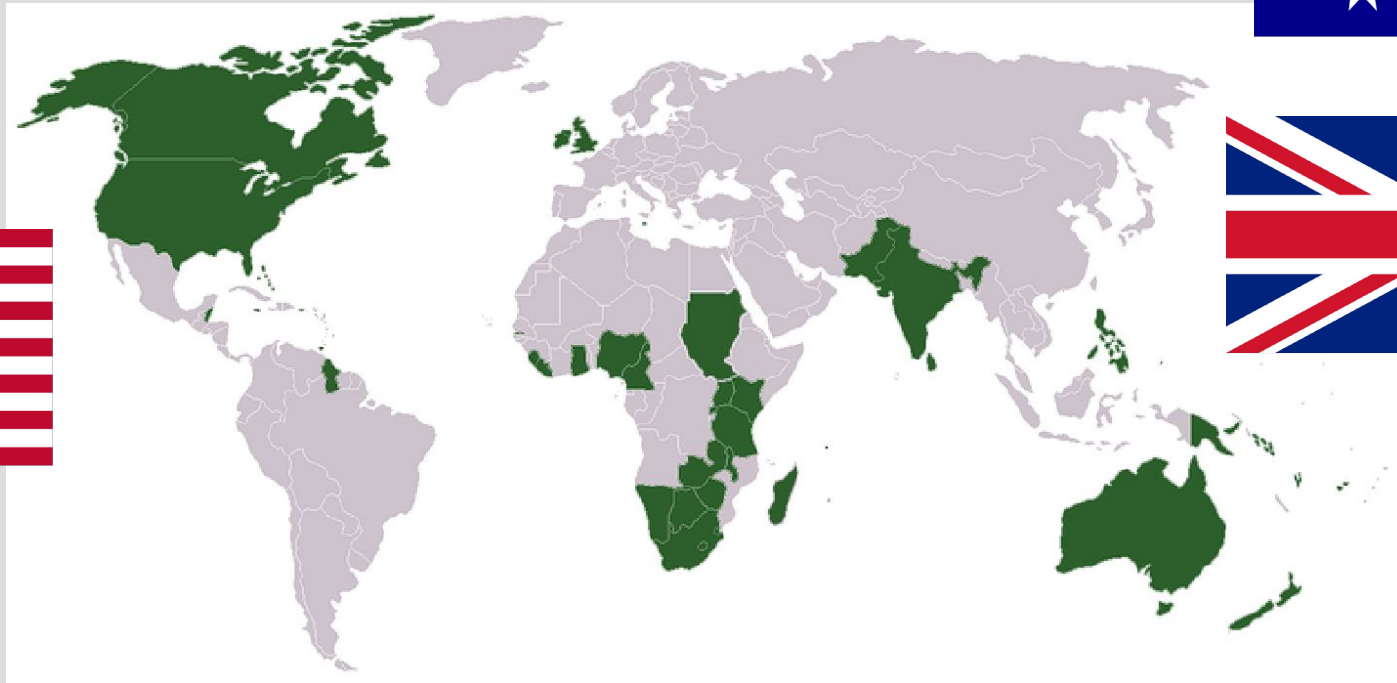


English speaking countries





USA



- **Motto:** In God We Trust.
- **Capital:** Washington, D. C.
- **Largest city:** New York city
- **National language:** English
- **Demonym:** American
- **Area:**
 - Total 9,826,630 km² (3rd/4th3)
 - 3,794,066 sq mi
 - Water (%) 6.76
- **Population:**
 - 2009 estimate 306,134,000
 - 2000 census 281,421,906
 - Density 31/km²
 - 80/sq mi

Washington, D. C.



- formally, the District of Columbia and commonly referred to as Washington, the District, or simply D.C.) is the capital of the United States, founded on July 16, 1790.



Government and elections

The United States is the world's oldest surviving federation. It is a constitutional republic, "in which majority rule is tempered by minority rights protected by law."



- *The west front of the United States Capitol, which houses the United States Congress*

The federal government is composed of three branches:

- * Legislative: The bicameral Congress, made up of the Senate and the House of Representatives, makes federal law, declares war, approves treaties, has the power of the purse, and has the power of impeachment, by which it can remove sitting members of the government.
- * Executive: The president is the commander-in-chief of the military, can veto legislative bills before they become law, and appoints the Cabinet and other officers, who administer and enforce federal laws and policies.
- * Judicial: The Supreme Court and lower federal courts, whose judges are appointed by the president with Senate approval, interpret laws, and can overturn laws they deem unconstitutional.



- ***The front of the United States Supreme Court building***



- ***Parties, ideology, and politics***
- ***President-elect Barack Obama (right) meets with current President George W. Bush (left) in the Oval Office, November 10, 2008***

The Star-Spangled Banner

DEFENCE OF FORT M-HENRY.

The annexed song was composed under the following circumstances—
A gentleman had left Baltimore, in a flag of truce for the purpose of getting released from the British fleet, a friend of his who had been captured at Marlborough.—He went as far as the mouth of the Patuxent, and was not permitted to return lest the intended attack on Baltimore should be disclosed. He was therefore brought up the Bay to the mouth of the Patuxent, where the flag vessel was kept under the guns of a frigate, and he was compelled to witness the bombardment of Fort M-Henry, which the Admiral had boasted that he would carry in a few hours, and that the city must fall. He watched the flag at the Fort through the whole day with an anxiety that can be better felt than described, until the night prevented him from seeing it. In the night he watched the Bomb Shells, and at early dawn his eye was again greeted by the proudly waving flag of his country.

Tune—ANACREON IN HEAVEN.

O! say can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?
And the Rocket's red glare, the Bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our Flag was still there;
O! say does that star-spangled Banner yet wave,
O'er the Land of the free, and the home of the brave?

On the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected new shines in the stream,

'Tis the star spangled banner, O! long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion,
A home and a country, shall leave us no more?
Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave,
From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave,
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave,
O'er the Land of the Free, and the Home of the Brave.

O! thus be it ever when freemen shall stand,
Between their lov'd home, and the war's desolation,
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n rescued land,
Praise the Power that hath made and preserv'd us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto—"In God is our Trust;"

And the star-spangled Banner in triumph shall wave,
O'er the Land of the Free, and the Home of the Brave.

- Oh, say can you see
- by the dawn's early light
- What so proudly we hailed
- at the twilight's last gleaming?
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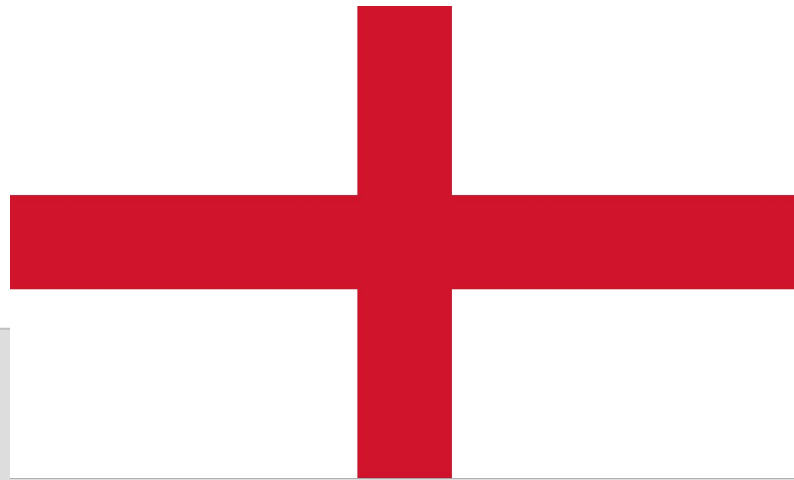
New York City



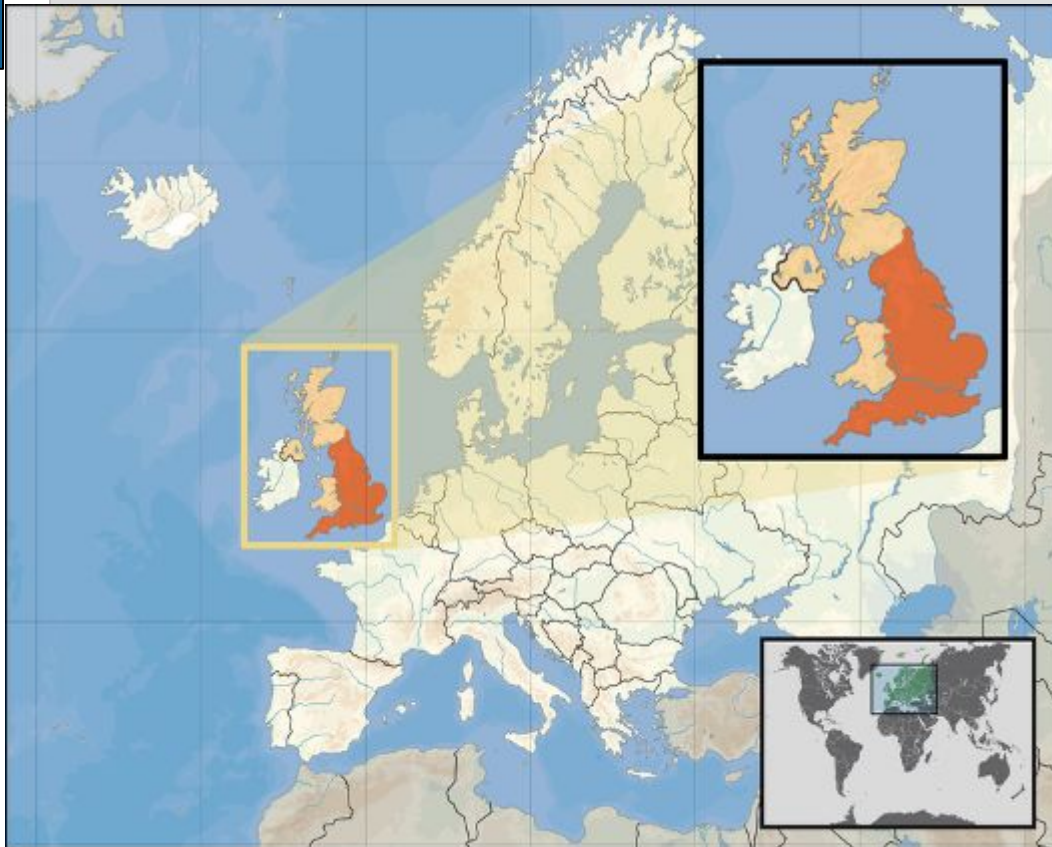
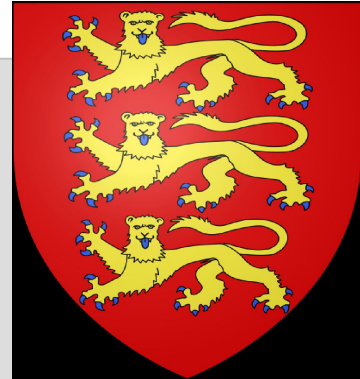
- The City of New York (most often called New York City) is the most populous city in the United States. The New York metropolitan area ranks among the world's most populous urban areas. It is a leading global city, exerting a powerful influence over worldwide commerce, finance, culture, and entertainment. The city is also an important center for international affairs, hosting the United Nations headquarters.

New York, New York...



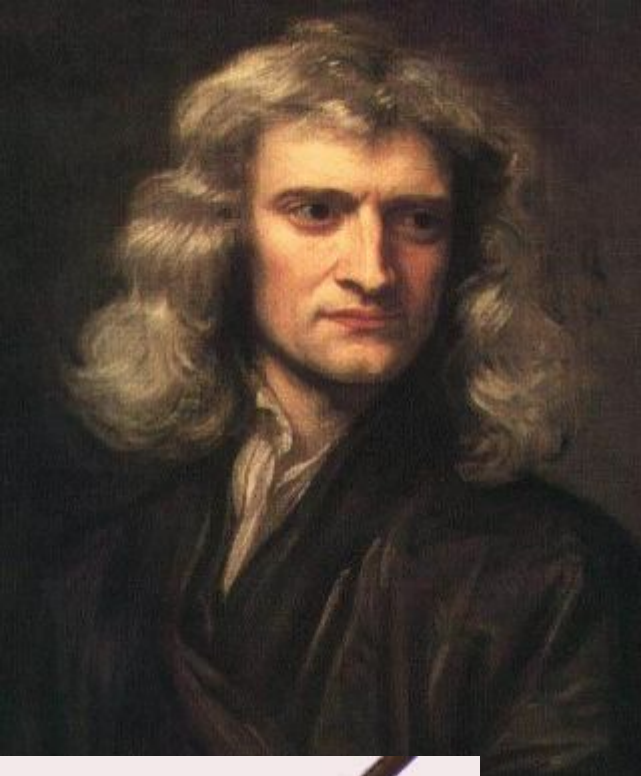


England



- **Capital:** London
- **Official languages:**
 - English
 - Cornish
- **Demonym:** English
- **Government:**
 - Constitutional monarchy
 - Monarch: Queen Elizabeth II
 - Prime Minister: Gordon Brown MP
- **Area:** Total 130,395 km²
- **Population:**
 - 2007 estimate 51,092,000
 - 2001 census 49,138,831
 - Density 392/km²
1,015/sq mi

Well-known people



Isaac Newton, promulgator of universal gravitation, Newtonian mechanics and infinitesimal calculus.



The Robin Hood Memorial, by Nottingham Castle.



- **William Shakespeare**, the English poet and playwright widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language and one of the greatest in Western literature.
- **Charles Darwin**.

Stonehenge



- *Stonehenge, a Neolithic and Bronze Age megalithic monument in Wiltshire, thought to have been erected c.2000–2500 BC.*



- *Manchester Town Hall*



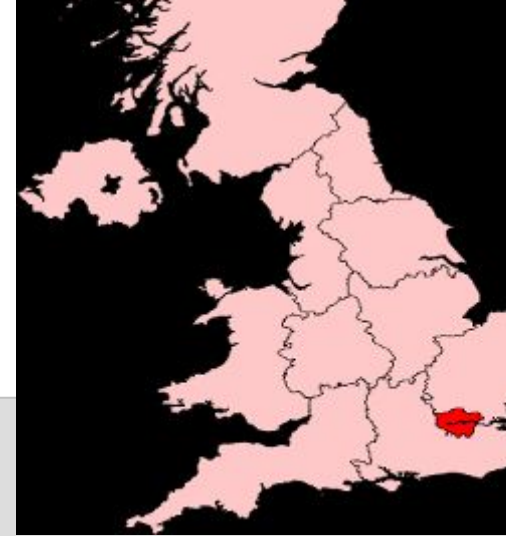
- *The Palace of Westminster, the seat of the Parliament of the United Kingdom.*

London



- *London is the capital and largest urban area of both England and the United Kingdom. An important settlement for two millennia, London's history goes back to its founding by the Romans. Since its foundation, London has been part of many movements and phenomena throughout history, including the English Renaissance, the Industrial Revolution, and the Gothic Revival.[citation needed] The city's core, the ancient City of London, still retains its limited medieval boundaries; but since at least the 19th century, the name "London" has also referred to the whole metropolis that has developed around it. Today the bulk of this conurbation forms the London region of England[6] and the Greater London administrative area, with its own elected mayor and assembly.*

London region shown within the United Kingdom-



- The modern Enviro400 double-decker bus



- The Royal Albert Hall hosts a wide range of concerts and musical events.

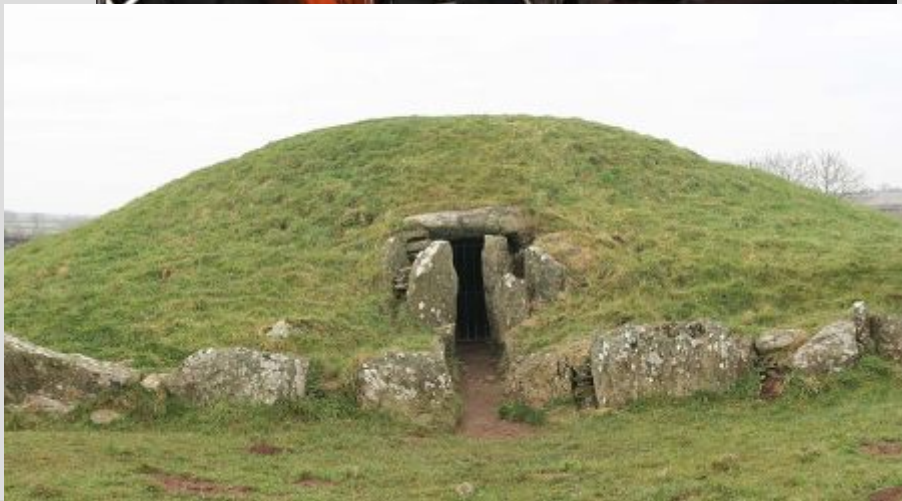


Wales

- Wales is a country that is part of the United Kingdom, bordered by England to its east, and the Atlantic Ocean and Irish Sea to its west. It is also an elective region of the European Union. Wales has a population estimated at three million and is bilingual, with both Welsh and English having equal status.



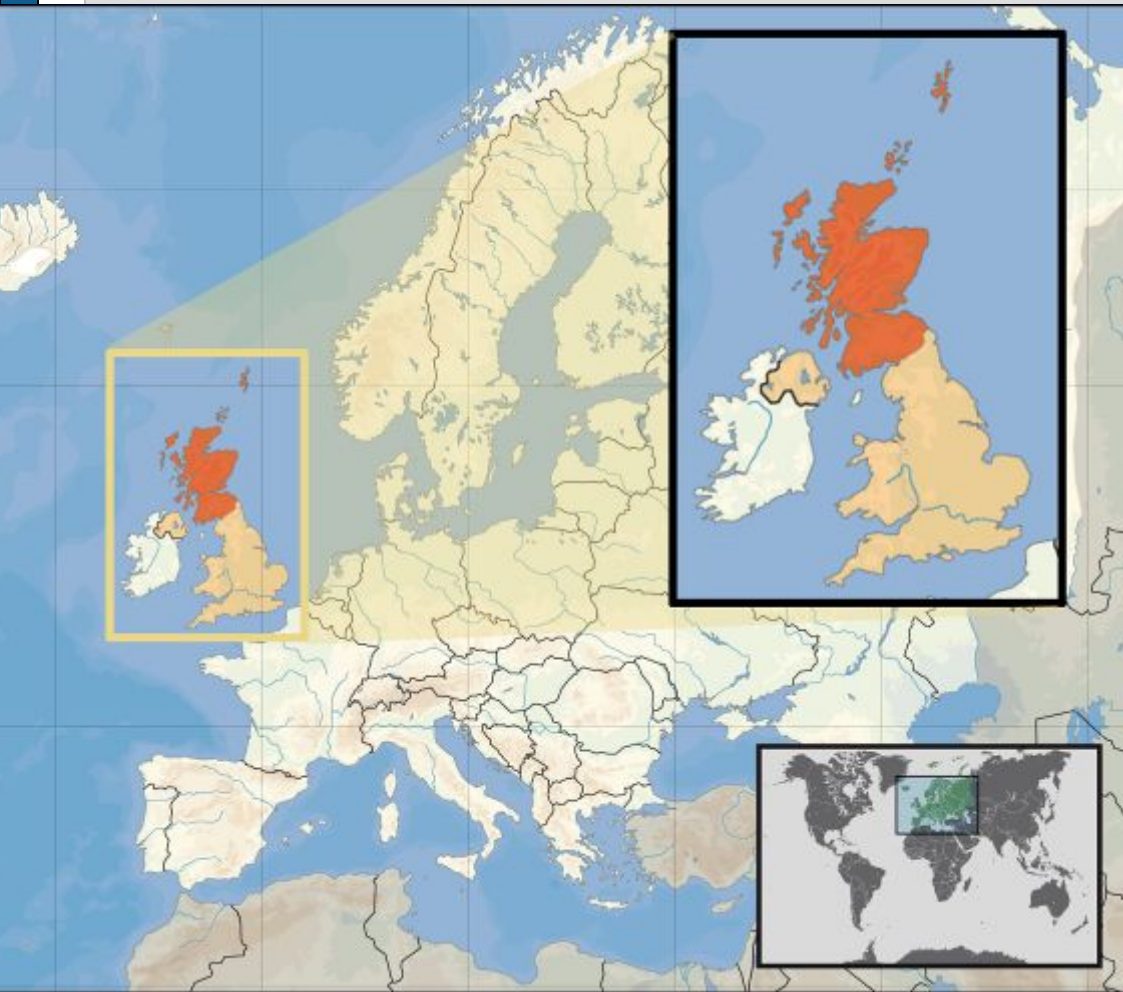
- *Bryn Celli Ddu, a late Neolithic chambered tomb on Anglesey*



- *Crasdant, a traditional Welsh folk band.*



Scotland



Scotland is a country that is part of the United Kingdom. Occupying the northern third of the island of Great Britain, it shares a border with England to the south and is bounded by the North Sea to the east, the Atlantic Ocean to the north and west, and the North Channel and Irish Sea to the southwest. In addition to the mainland, Scotland consists of over 790 islands[9] including the Northern Isles and the Hebrides.

Culture

- *A piper playing the Great Highland Bagpipe.*



- *Skara Brae, a neolithic settlement, located in the Bay of Skail, Orkney.*



Ireland



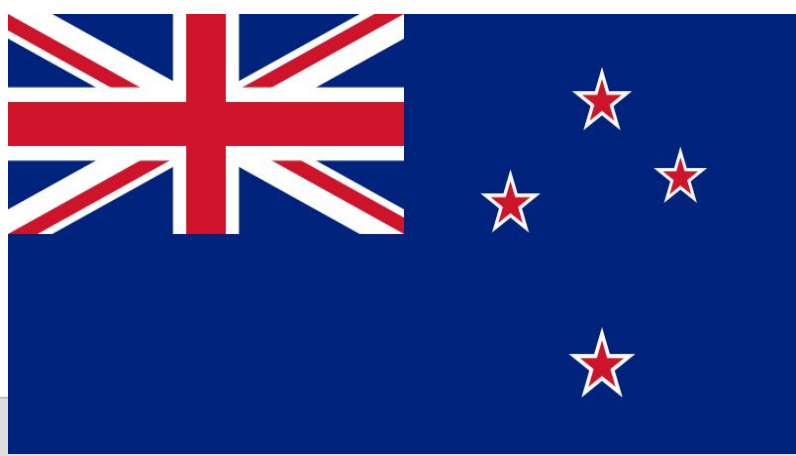
RIVER LIFFEY

DUBLIN

The island of Ireland is occupied by two political entities:

* Ireland (also sometimes 'Republic of Ireland', for disambiguation purposes), a sovereign country, covers five-sixths of the island. Its capital is Dublin.

* Northern Ireland, part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, covers the remaining sixth. Its capital is Belfast.



New Zealand



- Capital: Wellington
- Largest city: Auckland
- Official languages: -English (98%)³
 - -Māori (4.2%)³
 - -NZ Sign Language (0.6%)
- Ethnic groups:
 - -78% European/Other
 - -14.6% Maori
 - -9.2% Asian
 - -6.9% Pacific peoples
- Demonym: New Zealander, Kiwi (colloquial)
- Area
 - - Total 268,680 km² (75th)
 - 103,738 sq mi
 - - Water (%) 2.1



Anthem: "God Defend New Zealand" "God Save the Queen"

- *Elizabeth II, Queen of New Zealand*



- *Performers in traditional Māori clothing.*

Canada



- **Capital:** Ottawa
- **Largest city:** Toronto
- **Official languages:** English, French
- **Ethnic groups:** European 80% (English, French, Scottish, Irish, German, others),

3.8% Aboriginal, 16.2% Others.

- **Demonym:** Canadian

- **Area:**

- Total 9,984,670 km² (2nd)

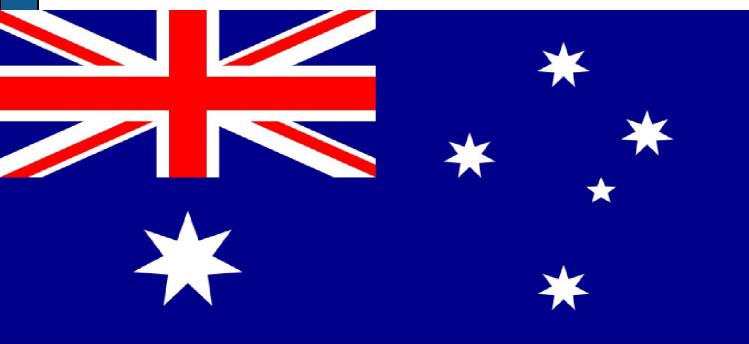
3,854,085 sq mi

- Water (%) 8.92 (891,163 km²/344,080 mi²)

The Peacekeeping Monument in Ottawa



- City of Ottawa
- Ville d'Ottawa



Australia



- **Capital:** Canberra
- **Largest city:** Sydney
- **National language:** English
- **Ethnic groups:**
 - 29.01% Australian,
 - 0.45% Australian Aboriginal,
 - 51.29% European (English, Irish, Scottish, German, Italian, others),
 - 4.87% Asian,
 - 8.04% Other,
 - 6.33% Unstated
- **Demonym:** Australian, Aussie (colloquial)
- **Area:**
 - Total 7,741,220 km² (6th)
 - 2,988,902 sq mi
 - Water (%) 1





- The koala and the eucalyptus forming an iconic Australian pair



kangaroo



- City of Melbourne skyline and Southbank, Middle left: Federation Square, Middle right: Flinders Street Station, Bottom: Melbourne Cricket Ground.

- The Sydney Opera House and Sydney CBD at dusk





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