



The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland



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Where is the UK?

The UK is situated on the **British Isles**, north-west of the European continent between the **Atlantic Ocean** and the **North sea**.



Great Britain

Northern Ireland

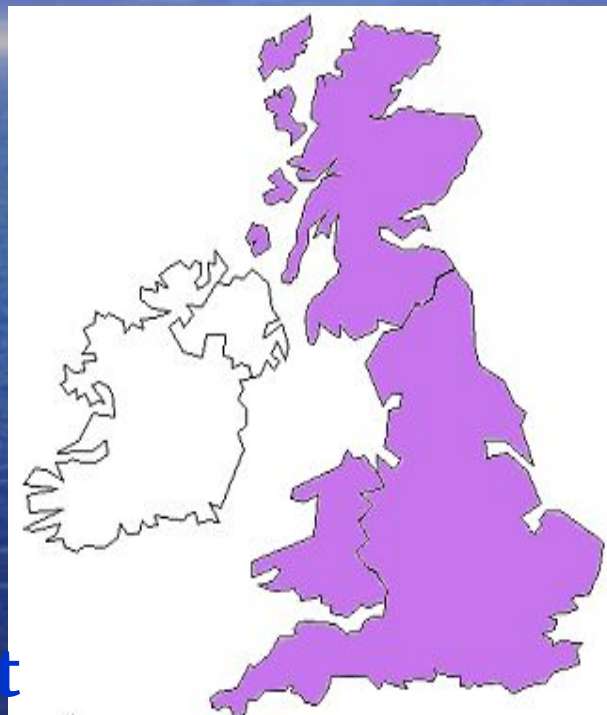
The official name of the UK is the "**United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**".



THE BRITISH ISLES

Is Great Britain the same as the UK?

NO!



The
he UK

Great
Britain

People in the UK are called British although they have different nationalities.

If you look at the full name of the UK, you will see that the UK includes Great Britain AND Northern Ireland.



The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland



The Union Flag, popularly known as the Union Jack, is made up of the individual flags of three countries in the Kingdom.

Which countries?



John Bull is a fictional character. He is a traditional symbol of the UK.



The capital of the UK is London



Mandy Barrow



Politics of the United Kingdom

The UK is a **parliamentary** democracy with a **constitutional Monarch** as Head of State



David Cameron was appointed Prime Minister in May 2010

The Prime Minister of the UK is the political leader of the United Kingdom and the Head of Her Majesty's Government.



Elizabeth II



The British Government

The **Government** is like the management of the country. It is made up of about 100 members of the political party which wins the most seats at a general election.



**The Cabinet
Room**



Number 10 Downing Street is the residence and office of the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. The headquarters of Her Majesty's Government



The British Parliament

While the job of **Government** is to run the country, the job of **Parliament** is to check Government is carrying out its role properly and effectively.

The Parliament works in Westminster Palace



The Parliament consists of two chambers known as **the House of Lords** and **the House of Commons**.



The House of Commons



House of Commons Chamber:
Speaker's chair

646 **elected**
Members of
Parliament
or MPs.



The Speaker in the House
of Commons



The House of Lords



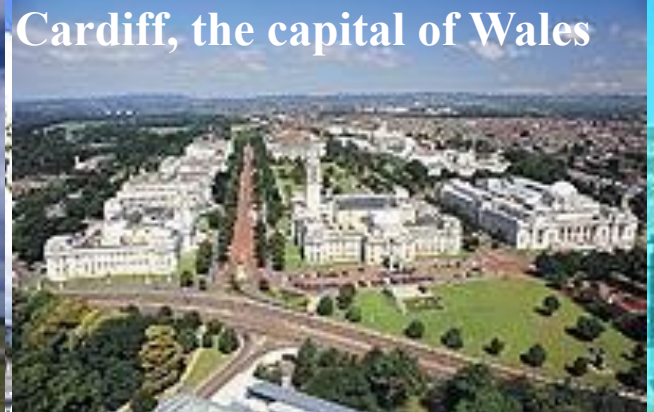
Lord Chancellor

The House of Lords (approximately 720 **unelected** members, most of them appointed for life)

The House of Lords: Lords mace on the Woolsack



Landmarks of the UK



London, the capital of the UK

Buckingham Palace



The official home of the British royal family in London, containing more than 600 rooms.

In London and outside London
In London and outside London

London, the capital of the UK

Trafalgar Square



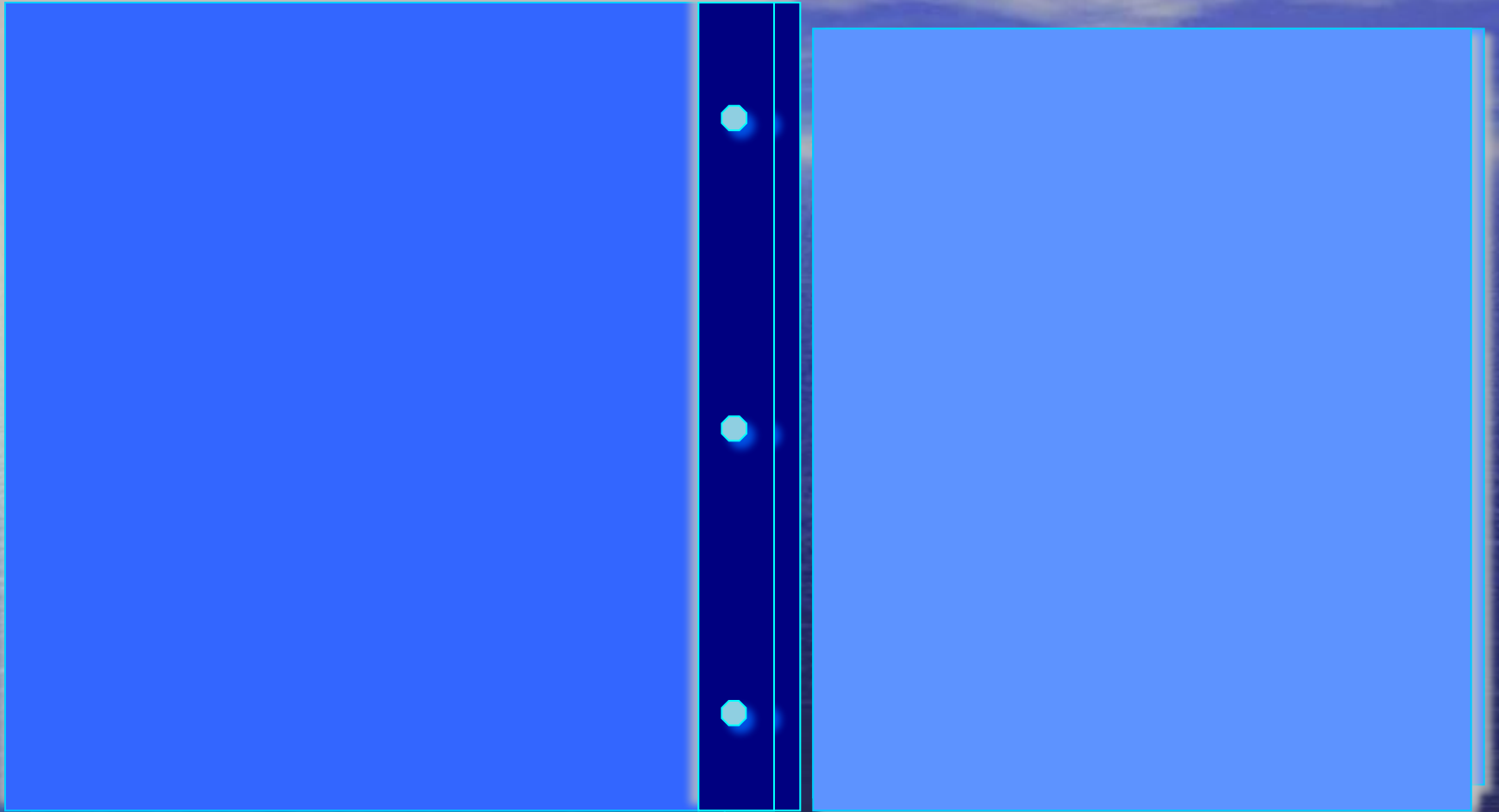
A square in central London where Nelson's Column stands.

The Houses of Parliament



The building in which the British Parliament sits.

London, the capital of the UK



What countries make up the UK?

The Irish live in Northern Ireland



Northern Ireland



Scotland

The Scots live in Scotland

The Welsh live in Wales

Wales

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England

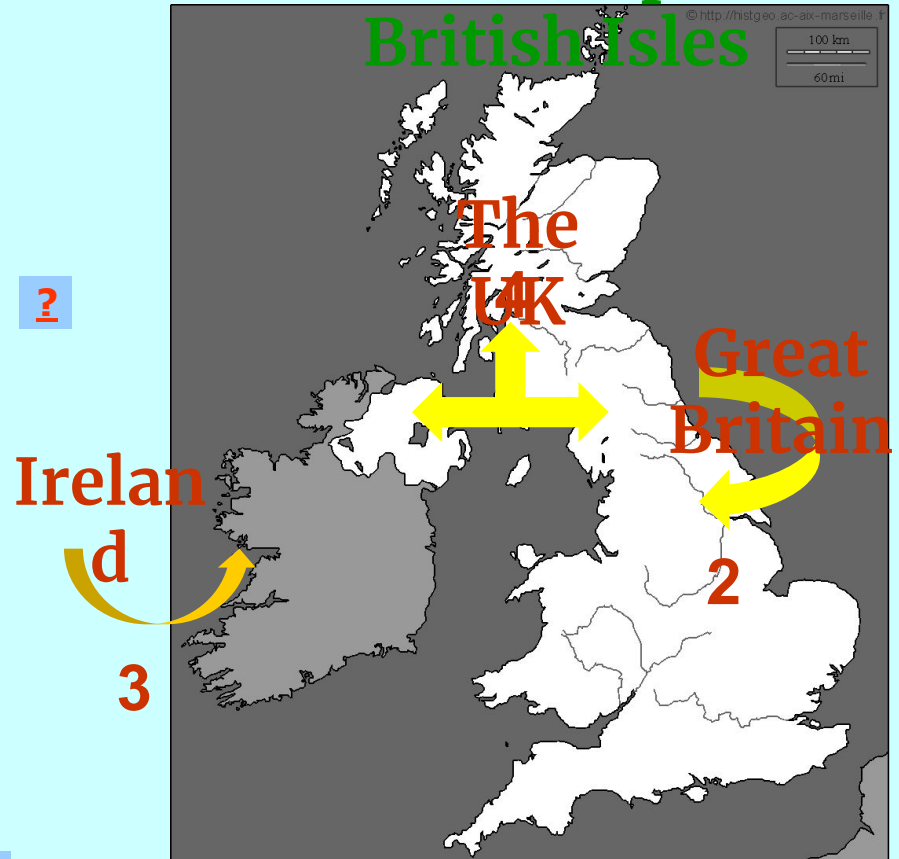
The English live in England



TEST YOURSELF!

- 1 Where is the UK situated?
- 2 What is the official name of the UK?
- 3 What are people called in the UK?
- 4 What is Great Britain?
- 5 Is Great Britain the same as the UK?
- 6 What is the capital of the UK?
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- 8 Is John Bull a real man?
- 9 Is the UK a republic or a monarchy?
- 10 Who runs the UK?
- 11 What is the British Parliament like?
- 12 Where does the Parliament work?
- 13 Who are MPs?
- 14 Who is the Prime Minister?
- 15 Where does he work and live?
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Label the map of the British Isles



The British Isles

Why doesn't the Welsh dragon appear on the Union Flag?



Northern Ireland



Scotland



England

The Welsh dragon does not appear on the flag because when the first Union Flag was created in 1606, Wales was already united with England from the 13th century.

What would the Union Flag look like if Wales was represented?



Here you can see a version of the Union flag offered by a Welsh MP in 2007.

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