



Otázka: Great Britain

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Great Britain is an island situated to the northwest of Europe. It's the ninth largest island in the world. With a population of about 60 million people, it's the third most populous island in the world. The Great Britain consists of three territories: England, Wales and Scotland.

The capital city of England is London. London is the largest area in the UK. It is located on River Thames. London is a leading global city with strengths in the arts, commerce, education, entertainment, fashion, media, research, finance and professional services.

The capital city of Wales is Cardiff. The city is Wales chief commercial centre, the base for most national cultural and sporting institutions.

The capital city of Scotland is Edinburgh. The city hosts the Edinburgh festival, a group of official and independent festivals.

The most mountainous area of Great Britain is Scotland. The highest British mountain is Ben Nevis - it measures 1343 m. The rivers are very important as sources of energy. Among the most important and biggest river is the Thames (336 m), which flows into the North Sea. The climate of Great Britain is influence of the sea. Winter temperatures are higher and summer temperatures are lower.

There are many branches of industry. The most advanced are chemical, textile and aviation industries; manufacturing of transportation vehicles and the electronics industry. The important



centres are Yorkshire, London, Manchester, South Wales etc.

Great Britain is a constitutional monarchy. Parliamentary democracy is practiced there. Parliament consists of two houses – the House of Lords (hereditary for life) and the House of Commons. There are 635 seats here.

There are many interesting places in UK besides its capital London. The English countryside is full of peaceful harbour-towns with fishing boats, yachts, cottages and the English like to spend their holidays here. Resorts such as Brighton, Bournemouth, Portsmouth, Blackpool, Sunderland or Scarborough have fine sandy beaches and a nice atmosphere.

In the England is one of the most popular tourist attraction – **Stratford-upon-Avon**, the birthplace of William Shakespeare.

Interesting are **Oxford** and **Cambridge** which are well-known for one of the most prestige and oldest universities. These towns are sometimes called together Oxbridge. There is very famous bridge over the river called Bridge of Sighs in Cambridge. It is wooden.

Very spectacular place is **Stonehenge**, where are the very old prehistoric megalithic monuments, which are more than 3000 years old. The ruins stand in the centre of a huge circle. On the north is **Birmingham** it is at the geographical heart of England and is the second largest city in Britain. We can see Victorian architecture here and the network of canals. Northwest is mainly an industrial area. In **Manchester** we can visit the Museum of Science and Industry and Space Museum. **Liverpool** is second largest port in GB. It is famous for industry, football, horses and Beatles.



Hastings is world famous place in British history. There took place the Battle of Hastings.

Wales is to the west of England. The land lot Wales is full of mystery and beauty. There are snow-capped mountains, green valleys, sea resorts, big cities and little seaside towns. The Welsh are very proud of their language and culture.

The biggest city of Scotland is **Glasgow**, an old Victorian town, the cultural centre and the heart of the arts in Scotland.