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The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

The UK is situated to the north-west part of European continent, between the Atlantic ocean and the North see. It is made up of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The total land area is 243,600km²

Northern Ireland

It lies in the northeast of the island of Ireland. The capital and the largest city is Belfast. In Northern Ireland, sport is popular and important in the lives of many people.

Wales

It is a country on the western side of Great Britain. It is a principality, ruled by a prince. Traditionally, the title of the Prince of Wales is given to the oldest son of the reigning English monarch. The capital of Wales is Cardiff. The national game of Wales is rugby

Scotland



Scotland is a country in the north of Great Britain, famous for its freshwater lochs (lakes). The capital of Scotland is Edinburgh, which is known for the Edinburgh Festival, a collection of festivals held over about four weeks from early August.

England

England makes up the southern part of Great Britain. Nearly 84% of the population of the UK lives in England. There is the oldest university in the

English-speaking world in Oxford. The capital city of the United Kingdom is London.

Nature

UK has a mild climate due to the warm Gulf Stream. Rain is common throughout the year

The landscape of England is mostly rolling hillsides. The main mountain regions are the Cornish Heights and the Pennines. The highest mountains are Ben Nevis in Scotland (1343 m high), Snowdon in North Wales (1085 m high) and Scafell Pike in England (978 m high).

The longest rivers are the Severn and the Thames. The best-known lakes are those in the Lake District and in Scotland and there are famous lakes Loch Ness.

People

The population of the UK is more than 60 million, taking into account emigration and immigration. In Britain, we can find the following ethnic groups: English, Scottish, Irish, Welsh. The official language is English. It has many dialects throughout the country. British English differs from American English in some ways, such as pronunciation, spelling or vocabulary.

The political system



Great Britain is a constitutional monarchy and a parliamentary democracy. The head of the state is the Queen Elizabeth II. Formally she's a head of the **executive** and **judiciary, commander-in-chief** of all the armed forces, and temporal **governor** of the Church of England.

THE LEGISLATURE

The Parliament includes sovereign, the House of Lords (Upper House)-aristocrats and House of Commons (Lower House)- members are elected for five-year terms.

THE EXECUTIVE

is in hands of **the prime ministr-David Cameron and his Cabinet** (group of ministers)

THE JUDICIARY

The United Kingdom has three legal systems : English law, Northern Ireland law and Scots law

History

Great Britain was first settled by the Celts about 3000 years ago. Than there were Romans – they started building Hadrian's Wall. In 1485, a dynasty, the Tudors, gained the throne. In 1536, Wales was

joined to England by the Act of Union. Under Queen Elizabeth I (second half of 16. century) Britain became a major sea power. Large parts of Africa and Asia were added to the empire during the reign of Queen Victoria. Scotland was joined to England in 1707, Northern Ireland

in 1801. The UK is a founding member of NATO (North

Atlantic Treaty Organisation). Since 1973 the UK has been a member

of the European Union.



National economy

The main industries are steel, metals, vehicles, shipbuilding, shipping, banking, insurance, textiles, chemicals, electronics, aircraft, machinery, and distilling. The main agricultural products are corn, sugar beet, fruit, and vegetables. Britain is rich in coal, tin, oil, gas, chalk and lead.