



Geographical peculiarities of the UK



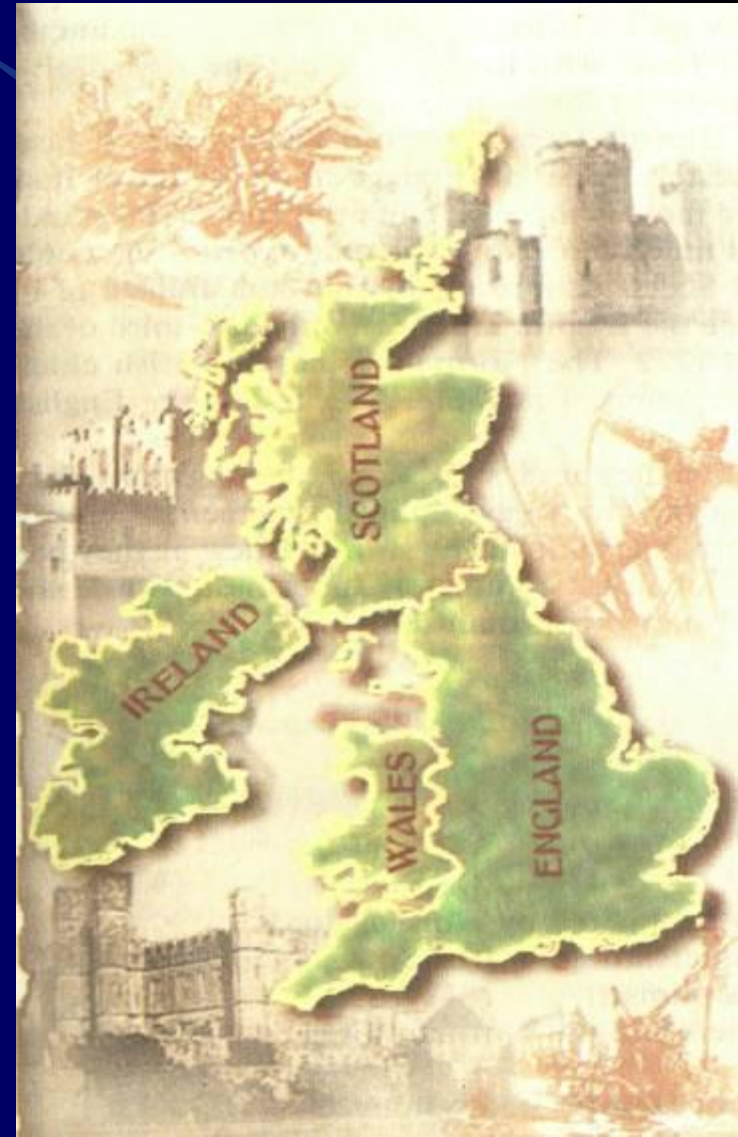
British Isles



The British Isles are situated in the north-west of Europe. They consist of two large islands, Great Britain and Ireland, and over five hundred of small islands . Great Britain consists of three countries: England , Wales and Scotland . England Lies in the south of the British Isles, Wales is to the west of England and Scotland is in the north of Great Britain . Northern Ireland lies in the north - east of Ireland

The official name of the country

- The official name of the country is the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
- It includes four countries: England , Wales , Scotland and Northern Ireland .
- The short names of the country are **the United Kingdom**, **the UK** or simply Britain



Capital cities of the UK

London is the capital of England and the United Kingdom

Edinburgh is the capital city of Scotland

Cardiff – the capital of Wales

Belfast – the capital of the Northern Ireland



Britain is washed by

- the Atlantic Ocean washes in the west.
- in the east you can see the North Sea
- the southern coast is washed by the English Channel .
- the Irish Sea lies between England and Ireland .
- The North Sea and the English Channel, the narrowest part of which is called the Strait of Dover, separate Great Britain from the European continent.



Surface of Britain



- Some parts of Great Britain are flat and others are mountainous. The surface of England and Northern Ireland is flat, but the surface of Wales and Scotland is hilly and mountainous.

Mountains in Britain



In the west of Wales we can see the Cambrian mountains .

The Cheviot Hills separate England from Scotland . To the south of Cheviot Hills you can see the Pennines and Cumbrian mountains .

There are a lot of beautiful lakes in Cumbrian mountains .

In Scotland there are the Highlands and Lowlands.

Rivers of Britain



- There are many rivers in Britain but they are not very long. The principal rivers are the Severn, the Trent and the Thames . The Severn is the longest river but the most important river is the Thames . It is navigable all the year round

Lake District



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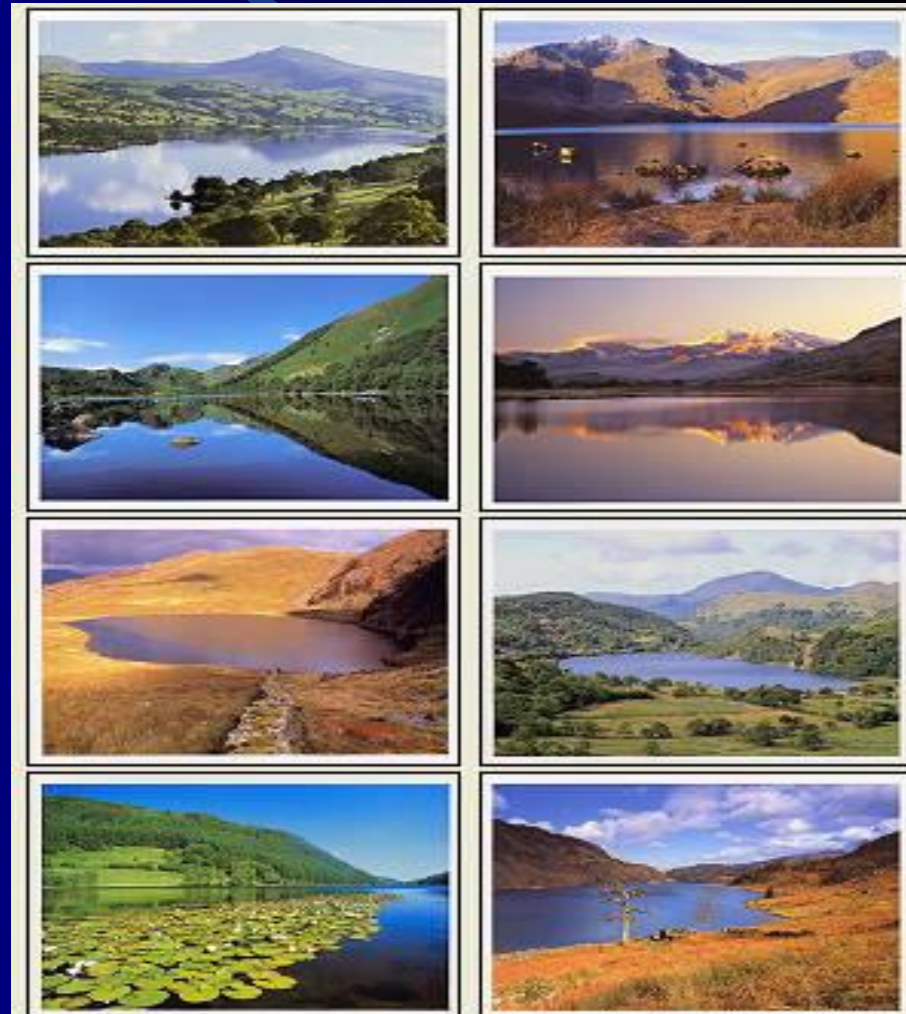
- The Lake District, also commonly known as **The Lakes** or **Lakeland**, is a mountainous region in North West England.
- The majority of the area was designated as the Lake District National Park in 1951. It is the largest of the thirteen National Parks in England and Wales in England and Wales, and the second largest in the UK.

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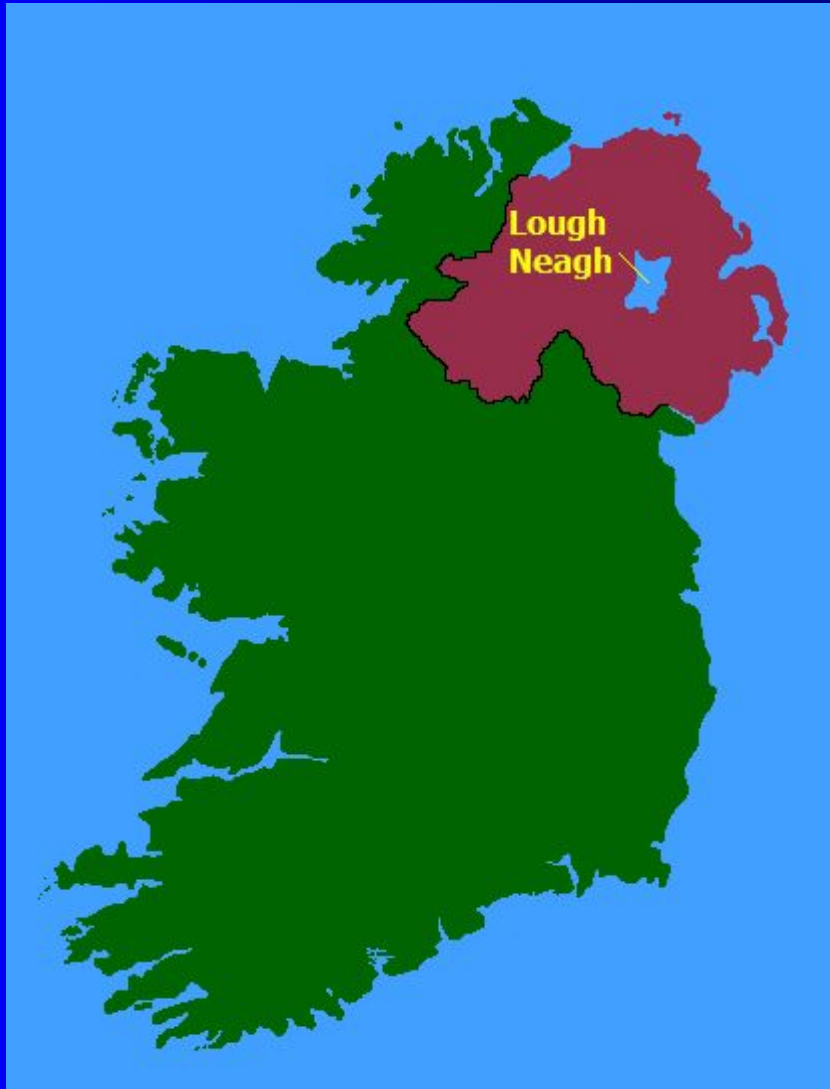


The Scottish lakes

- In Scotland Highlands there are many beautiful lakes (called lochs)
- Loch Ness is the most famous.



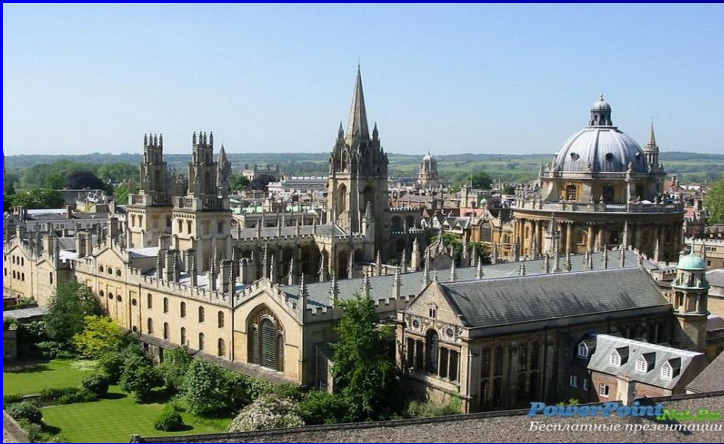
Britain's the largest freshwater lake



- **Lough Neagh**, sometimes **Loch Neagh**, is a large freshwater, is a large freshwater lake, is a large freshwater lake



The area of Great Britain is 211000 square km. and population is more than 55 mln.





- Great Britain is a highly developed capitalist country. There are many industrial cities and towns such as Manchester , Birmingham , Glasgow, Sheffield and many others. Oxford , Cambridge , Edinburgh and London itself are university cities. There are numerous harbours which serve as ports among which are London , Liverpool, Glasgow , Portsmouth and others.

Check yourself

**DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE
AMONG**

- **BRITISH ISLES**
- **GREAT BRITAIN**
- **THE UNITED KINGDOM OF
GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN
IRELAND?**

Answer the questions:

- • What do we call a group of islands situated to the northwest of Europe ?
- • What are the names of the two biggest islands?
- • What parts does Great Britain consist of?
- • Where is each part situated? (England , Wales , Scotland).
- • What are the most important rivers in Great Britain ?
- • Why is the Thames the most important river?
- • Are there many mountains and hills in Great Britain ?
- • What are the names of the mountains?
- • What is the area (the population) of Great Britain ?
- • What country is Great Britain ?
- • What industrial (university) cities of Great Britain do you know?
- • Why are there many ports in Great Britain ?