THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND







The UK consists of



- England (the capital is London)
- Wales (the capital is Cardiff)
- Scotland (the capital is Edinburgh)
- Northern Ireland (the capital is Belfast).
- The territory of the UK is about 244,000 square kilometres.
- The population is over 56,5 million.

The British Isles are washed by the:

- the Atlantic Ocean in the west,
- the North Sea in the east, the English Channel in the south,
- the Arctic Ocean in the north.



The climate is



mild the whole year round. The Atlantic Ocean, the warm waters of the Gulf Stream influence the climate.





The British a polite and well-mannered people. The English are practical and realistic. The British people are considered to be the world is greatest tea drinkers. Every Englishman is said to be a countryman at heart. The English countryside is many things to many people. It stands for freshness, for leisure, fun and games. The English are reputed to have a good sense of humour.The Scots are said to be a serious people,rather inventive and somewhat mystical. The Welsh are an emotional people but sometimes reticent.

Royal Family









Transport











In Wales only about 19% of the population speak Welsh as their first languages, though hearly all of them also speak perfect English. The study of Welsh is now compulsory in many primary and secondary schools. Television and radio services in Wales give about half their time to languages programmes. Most public signs are in Welsh as well as in English. In Scotland 2% of the population speak Caelic, another Celtic languages, as well as English.





Many immigrants are bilingual. Many Indians, for example, speak both Hindi and English, a lot of Chinese speak both Chinese and English. Many Turks speak English and Turkish. There are number of different regional accents in the UK. Some people in London speak «Cockney», in Birmingham-«Brum», in Newcastle-«Ceordie». There is a varity of English which belongs to no particular region. It is Standart English, which is usually taught to foreigners.









THANK YOU!