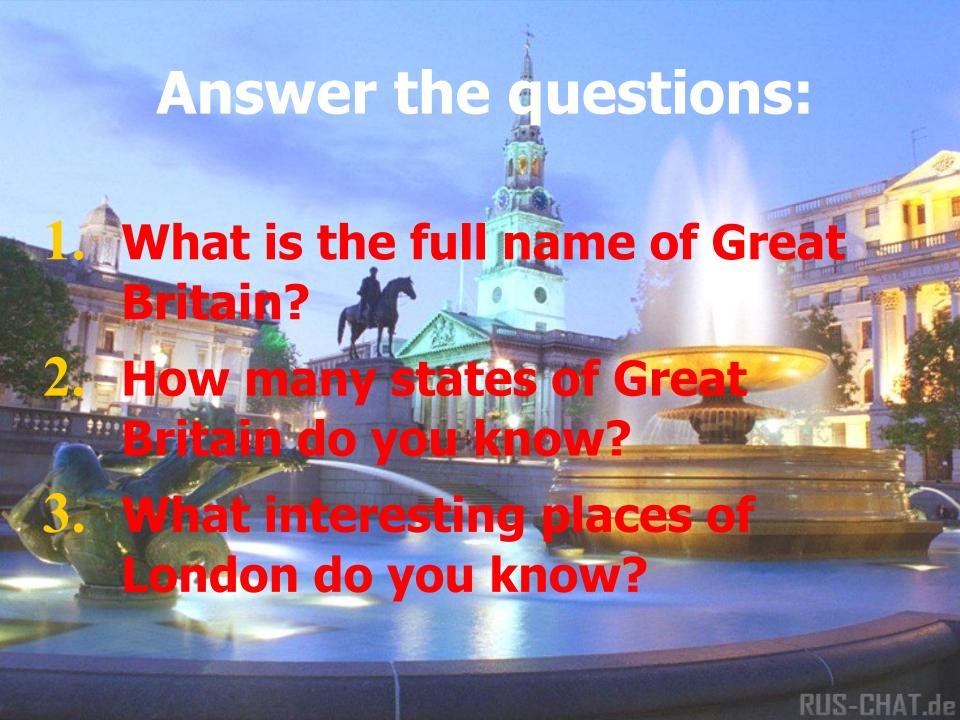
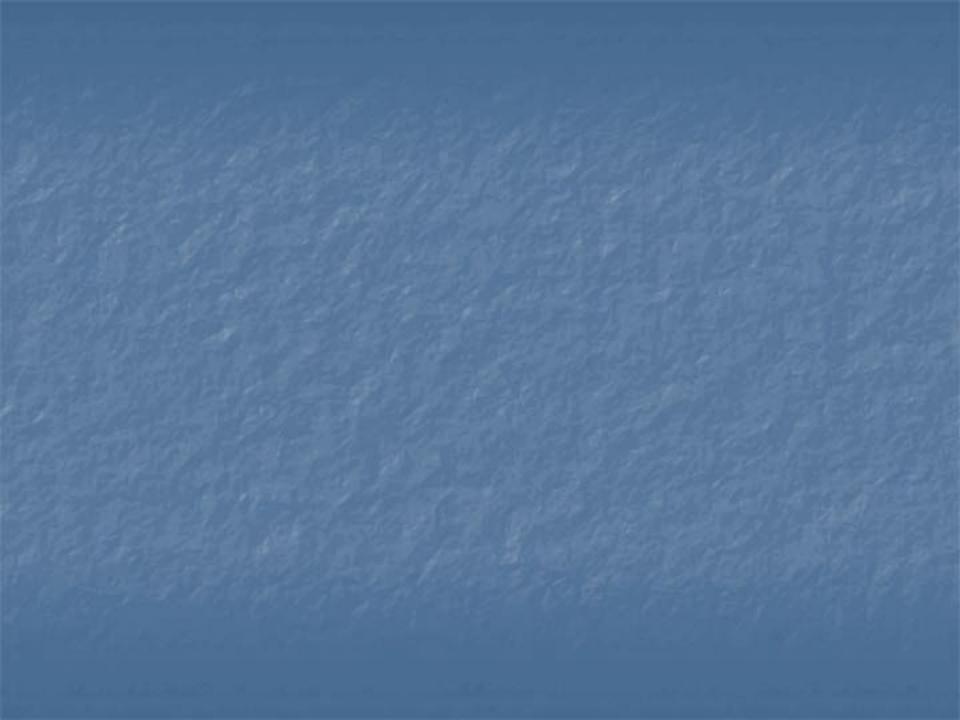




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## The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

- The total area: 244 thousand square km
- The population: about 60 million people
- The capital: <u>London</u>
- The main river: the Thames
- State system: a constitutional monarchy
- The Head of State: Queen Elizabeth the II
- The National Anthem: "God save the Queen"
- The National flag: the Union Jack

## Vocabulary

- be situated находиться
- bank банк, берег
- kingdom королевство
- district район
- factory завод
- workshop мастерская, цех
- fortress крепость
- royal королевский
- prison тюрьма
- in honour of в честь
- be dominated сопровождаться
- be buried быть похороненным
- Dutch голландский
- admission вход
- be allowed разрешаться
- middle of середина

#### London

London is the capital of Great Britain. It is a very old city. It is situated upon both banks of the Thames. The population of London is about 9 million people.

It has got three parts: the City of London, the West End, the East End. You can see many offices, firms and <a href="mailto:banks">banks</a> in the City of London. It is the <a href="mailto:financial">financial</a> centre of the United <a href="mailto:Kingdom">Kingdom</a>. The West End is the centre of London. There are a lot of interesting places in this part. And the East End of London is the <a href="mailto:district">district</a> for the working people. There are many <a href="mailto:factories">factories</a>, <a href="mailto:workshops">workshops</a> there.

#### Big Ben

Big Ben is the name of the largest clock in one of the tall towers of the Houses of Parliament. It always shows the right time.

#### The Tower Bridge

It was built by an architect Jones Chorus in 1884. It is one of the wonderful places for many tourists.

#### The **Tower**

The Tower of London is a very old building. It is more than 900 years old. English kings lived in it many years ago, but now it is a museum. It was a <u>fortress</u>, a <u>royal</u> palace and later a <u>prison</u>.

#### Trafalgar Square

It is named in honour of Nelson's great victory of 1805 and it is dominated by the Nelson's Column. From Trafalgar Square it is only a short way to Piccadilly Circus.

#### **Buckingham Palace**

Buckingham Palace is the London home of the Queen. When the flag is flying on the top she is at home. It was built in 1703.

#### **Westminster Abbey**

Westminster Abbey where kings and queens <u>are crowned</u> is opposite the Houses of Parliament. Many famous people <u>are buried</u> here, among them Newton, Darwin, Dickens and Kipling.

#### The British Museum

The British Museum was opened in 1753. The Museum contains the most important collections in Britain. There is a very big library, where you can find more than 10 million books.

#### **The National Gallery**

It has a collection of Italian, <u>Dutch</u>, German and French pictures. The gallery is open 7 days a week and <u>admission</u> is free.

#### **Piccadilly Circus**

In the centre of Piccadilly Circus is a bronze fountain. It was designed by Sir Alfred Gilbert in 1893.

#### The Thames

London stands on the River Thames. There are 17 bridges over the Thames in London and 8 tunnels under the river.

#### **Hyde Park**

Hyde Park is a royal park. People <u>are allowed</u> to walk or sit and lie on the grass. The Serpentine is a lake in the <u>middle of</u> the park. In summer you can swim or go out in a boat there.

### The crossword



## **Answer the questions:**

- 1. What is the full name of Great Britain?
  - (The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
- 2. How many states of Great Britain do you know?
  - (4. Wales, England, Northern Treland, Scotland)
- 3. What interesting places of London do you know?



