

SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT GREAT BRITAIN

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FACT 1

England and the United Kingdom - not the same thing. The population of England is 83% of the total population of Great Britain and England is the historic core of the UK. But apart from England the UK still includes Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.



FACT 2

English king Henry VIII instead of manufacturing silver shillings began to mint their copper, then covering with silver. Silver quickly eroded, especially in the most protruding parts, which include the nose of the king. Because of this, the king was nicknamed "old copper nose."



FACT 3

Did you know that Big Ben - is not a simple clock tower? Inside the tower is a cell, which are ready to make any member of parliament, if he dares to break the parliamentary ethics. True, it was last used in 1880. Big Ben is not the name of the building, and only the bell inside the tower. The structure itself is called the Tower of St. Stephen.



FACT 4

Did you know that the Queen of England does not have a passport, but she can travel freely around the world? The official website of the United Kingdom said that, as the United Kingdom of Great Britain passports are issued on behalf of Her Majesty, the Queen of the document itself is not needed. All the other members of the royal family have a passport.



FACT 5

In England rarely snows in winter. If one centimeter of snow had fallen, it is an event. Cities stand, transport does not work, planes do not fly, they fled to sculpt mangy snowmen and ride with inflatable mattresses. Snowplows communal hardly hold, probably cheaper every year suffer multimillion-dollar losses than to keep equipment



FACT 6

Did you know that during the 18th century in England lunch (dinner) was removed by more and more recently, has not yet moved to a mark of 19-20 pm? Word dinner historically meant "lunch", we are accustomed to translate it as "dinner." Instead of dinner to designate a day eating the British began to use the word lunch, but this meal was for quite easy.



FACT 7

Great Britain was formed as a result of the union of Scotland and England. A treaty of alliance, signed in 1707, led to the union of the two countries and the formation of the Kingdom of Great Britain.



FACT 8

At any postage stamp should be the name of the issuing country in Latin letters. If the names do not show up - so it's brand Britain. It is exempt from such duties as the first in the history of the country, used stamps.



FACT 9

After the defeat of Napoleon achieved largely through the efforts of the Russian army, England was forced to get in touch with Russia and considered with the Emperor Alexander I. Thus the US war with England 1812-1815 gg. was completed in Ghent world through the mediation of the Emperor Alexander I.



FACT 10

The motto on the coat of arms of the United Kingdom is written in French: "Dieu et mon droit" («God and my right»). Act of the British Parliament on the compulsory use of English in state courts was also written in French.



FACT 11

English and Irish parliaments still publish their adopted acts on Velenje - paper calfskin.



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