

United Kingdom



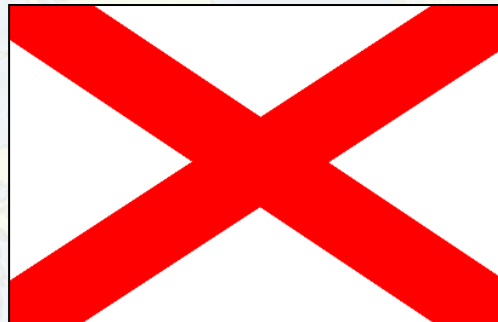
Geography

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (also referred to as the UK) is made up of four countries:

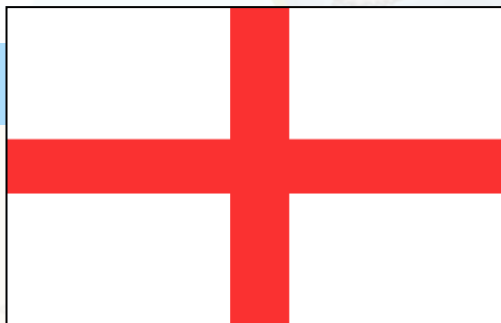
Scotland



Northern Ireland



England



Wales

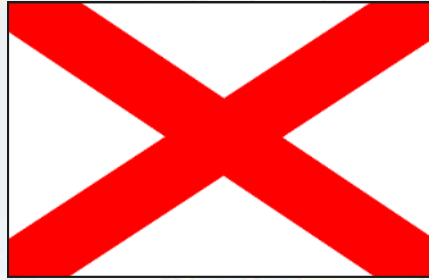


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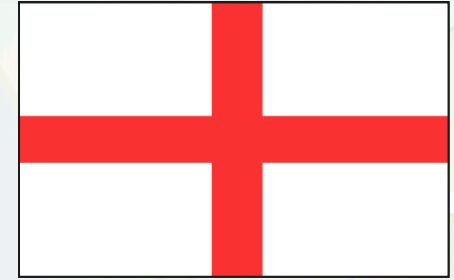
The flag of the UK combines the crosses of three patron saints:



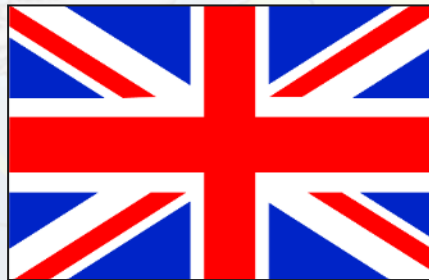
St Andrew: Scotland



St Patrick: Northern Ireland



St George: England



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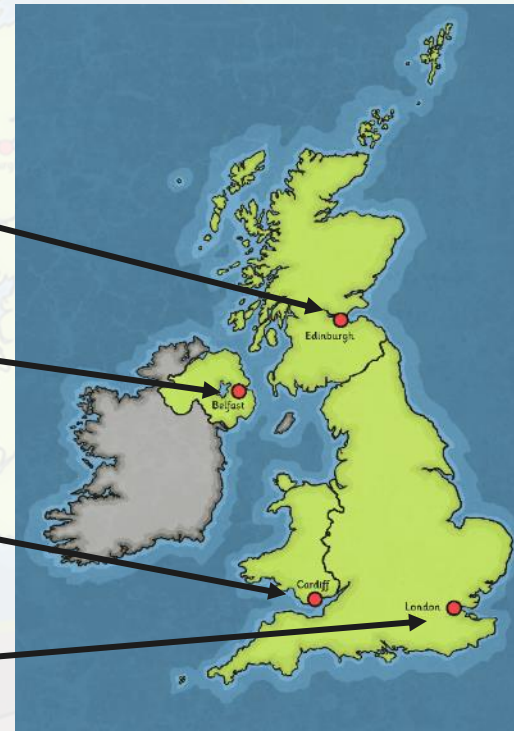
The capital city of the United Kingdom is London. In addition, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland each have their own capitals (the capital city of England is also London).

The capital city of Scotland is Edinburgh.

The capital city of Northern Ireland is Belfast.

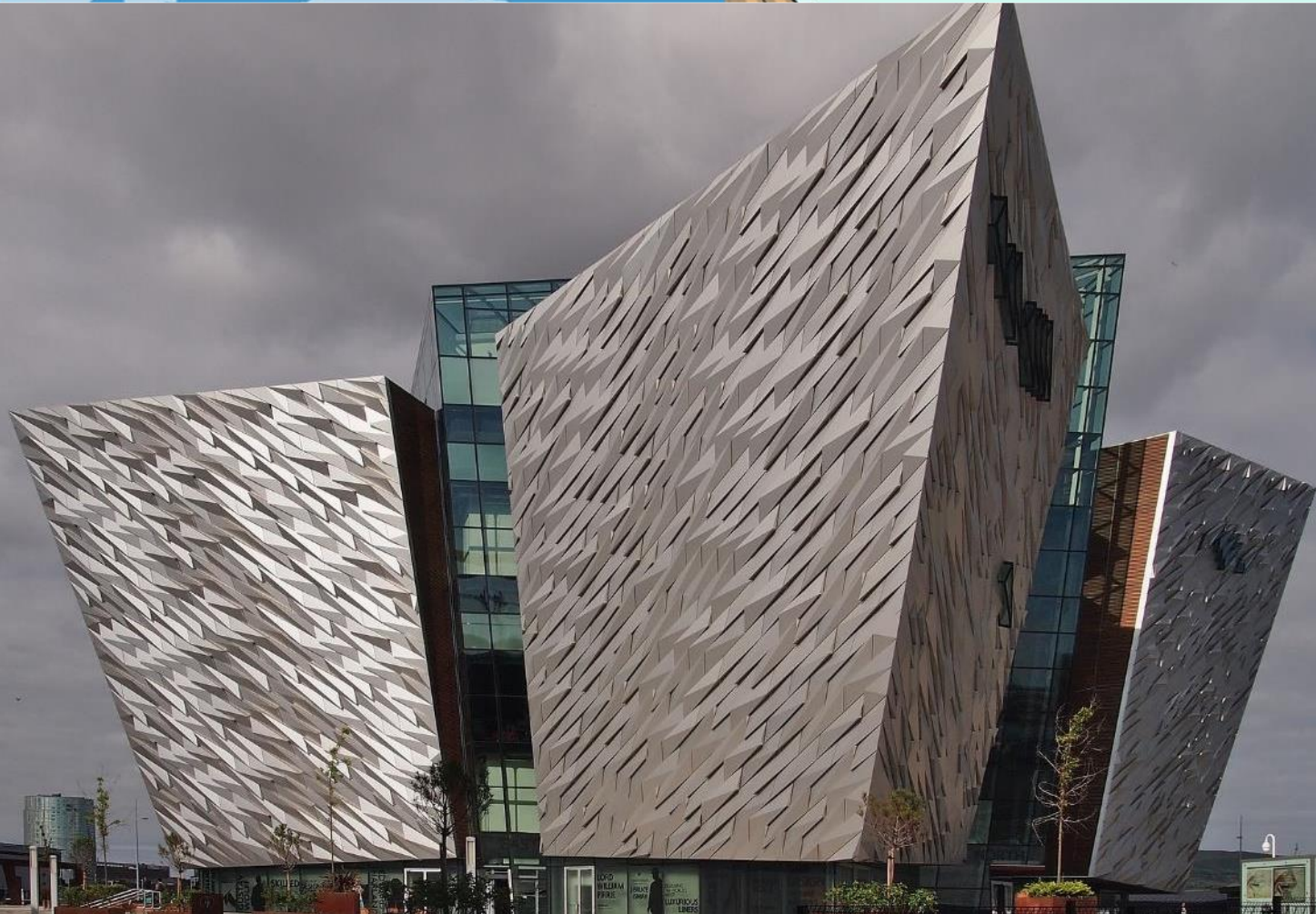
The capital city of Wales is Cardiff.

The capital city of England is London.





Edinburgh Castle, Scotland



Titanic Museum, Northern Ireland



Wales Millennium Centre, Wales



Buckingham Palace, England

Surrounding Waters

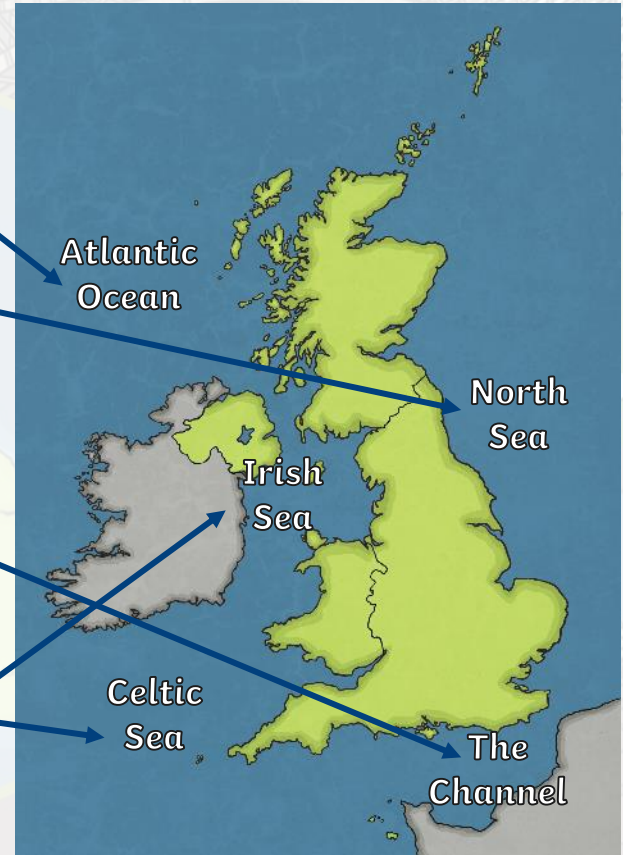
Atlantic Ocean – The entire Atlantic Ocean covers one-fifth of the planet.

North Sea – The North Sea can be stormy and foggy, making it dangerous to cross.

The Channel – The Channel separates England and France. People have swum this route.

Celtic Sea – The Celtic Sea is located off the south coast of Ireland.

Irish Sea – The Irish Sea separates Ireland and Great Britain. Great Britain is made up of England, Scotland and Wales.



The Channel, the North Sea, the Celtic Sea and the Irish Sea are all part of the Atlantic Ocean.

Culture

Name of Country:

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Population:

68 million

Official Language:

English

Major religions:



Christianity



Islam



Hinduism



Sikhism



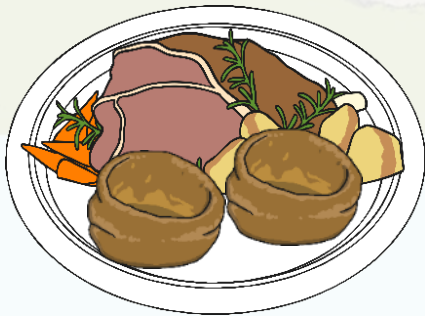
Judaism



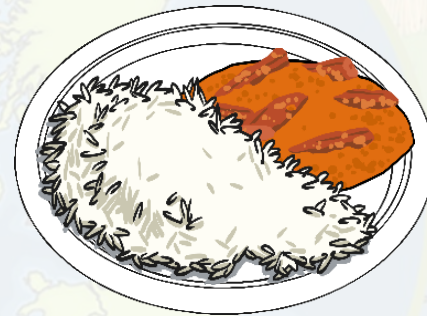
Buddhism

Food

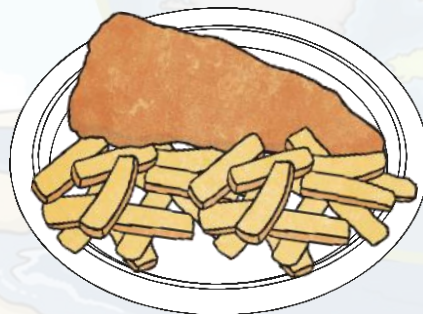
Traditional British food is often based around simple, local ingredients. However, the UK's rich cultural heritage has influenced food to create a wide range of dishes and flavours. Some common British dishes include:



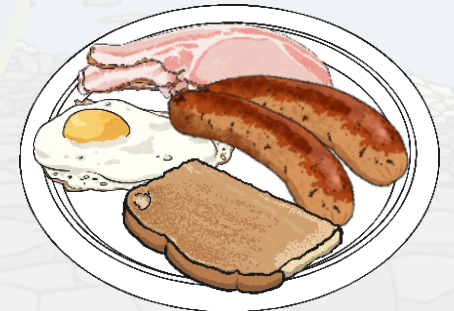
roast beef and
yorkshire pudding



chicken tikka
masala



fish and chips



full English
breakfast

School

Each of the countries in the UK have their own school systems.

Education usually begins at the age of four or five.

There are three main stages of education:

- primary;
- secondary;
- tertiary (including college, sixth-form and university).

State schools are free to attend, whereas private schools are paid for.



