United Kingdom

Facts



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The official name of the UK is 'The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland'.

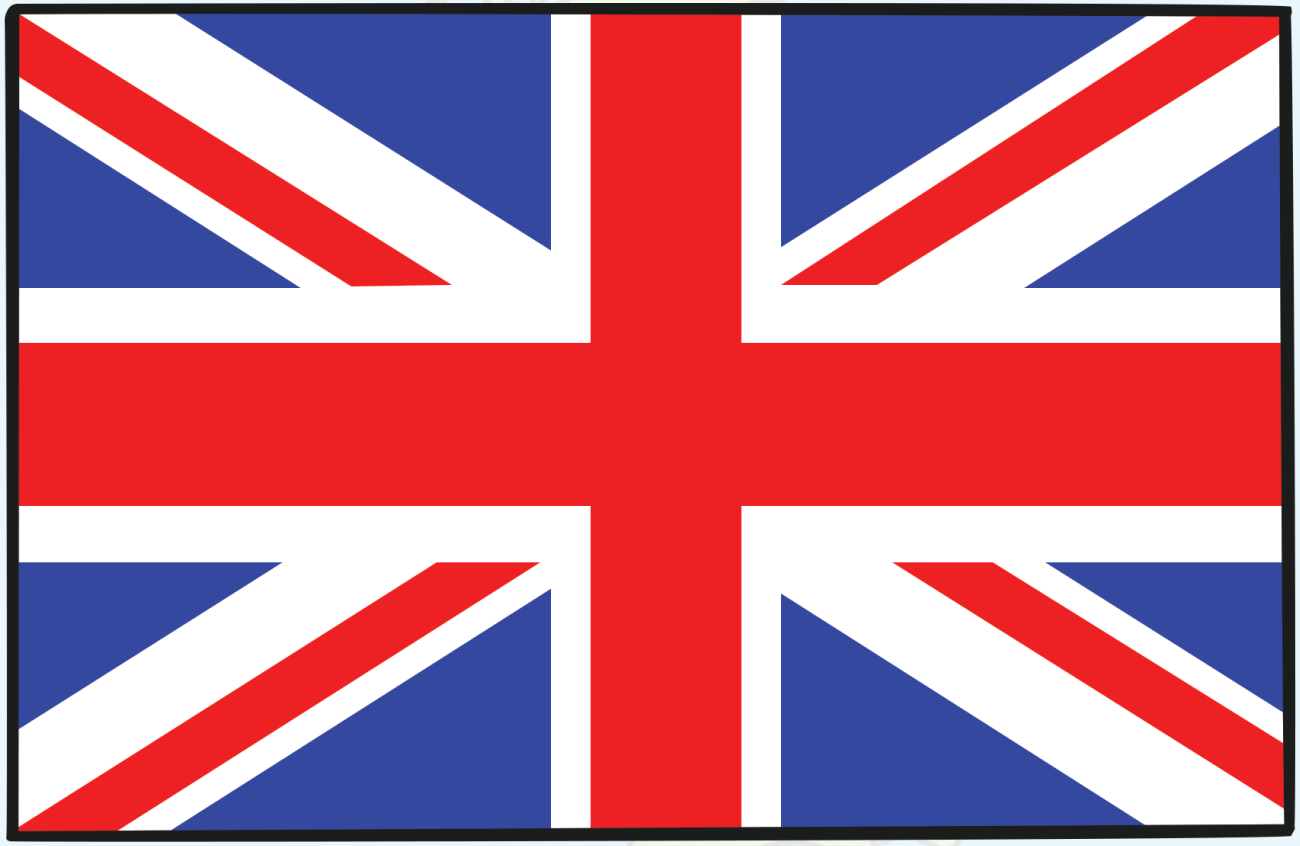




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Union Jack

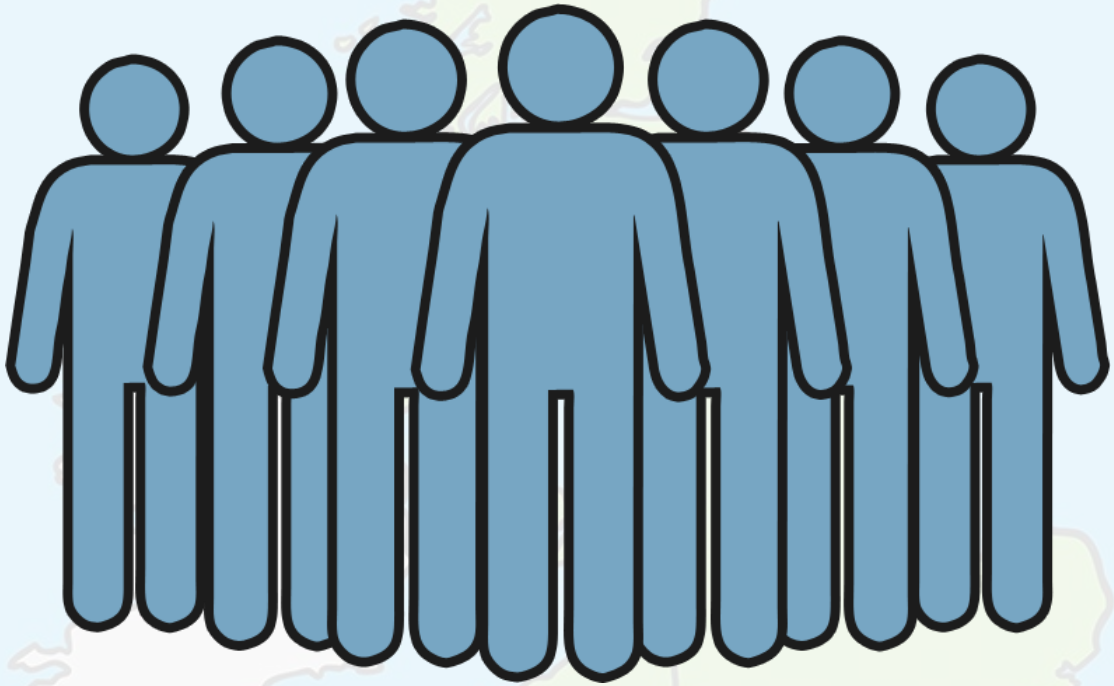
The official flag is the Union Flag, nicknamed the Union Jack.
It was designed to include the English, Scottish, Welsh and Northern Irish flags.



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Population

England has the largest population (number of people who live there) in the UK.



The population of the UK is around 64 million!

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Islands of the United Kingdom

Many small islands belong to the UK, such as the **Isle of Wight.**





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Currency

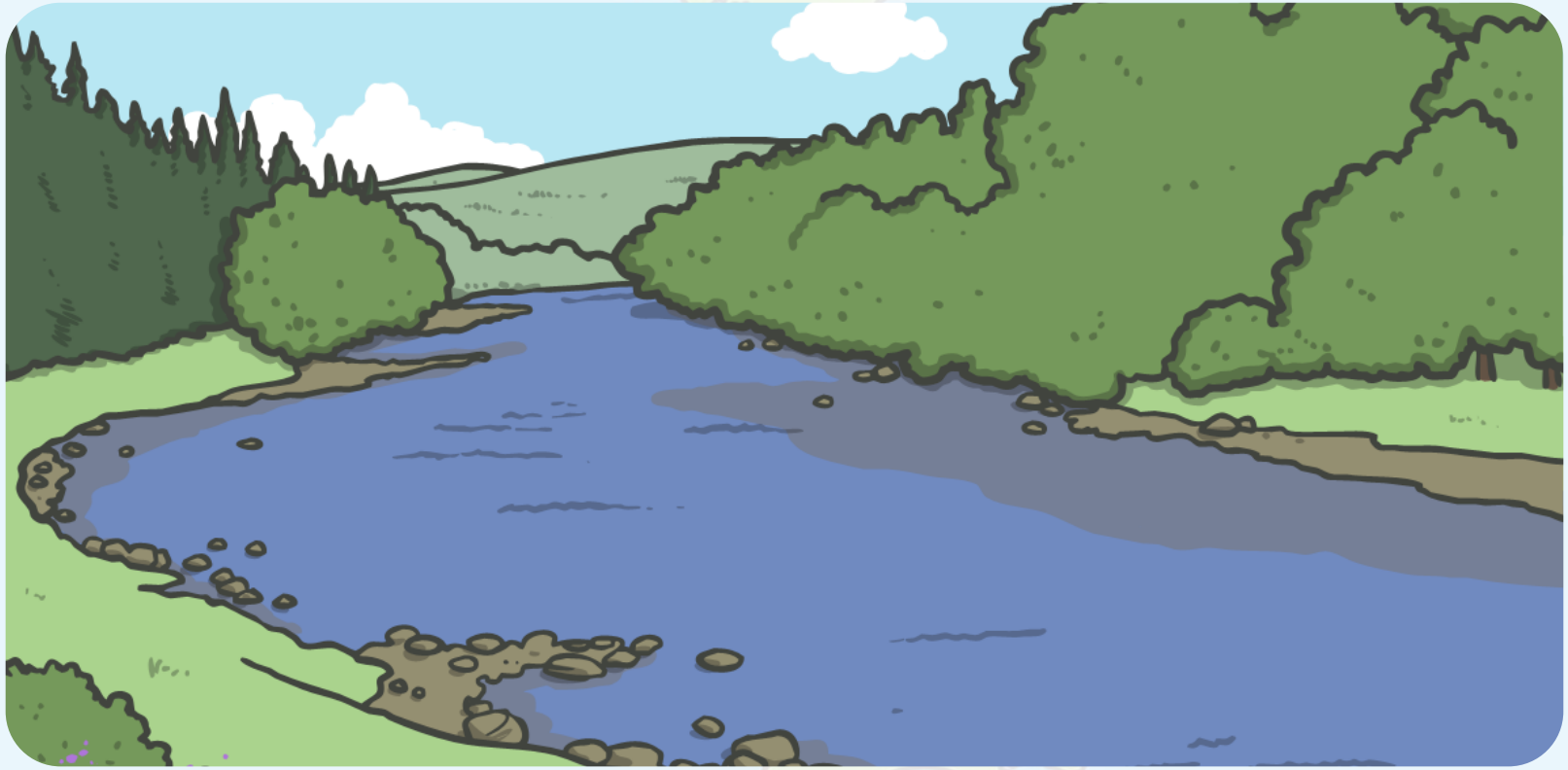
The currency in the UK is the pound sterling.



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Rivers

The longest river is the River Severn. Other main rivers are the Thames, Tay and Tyne.



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History

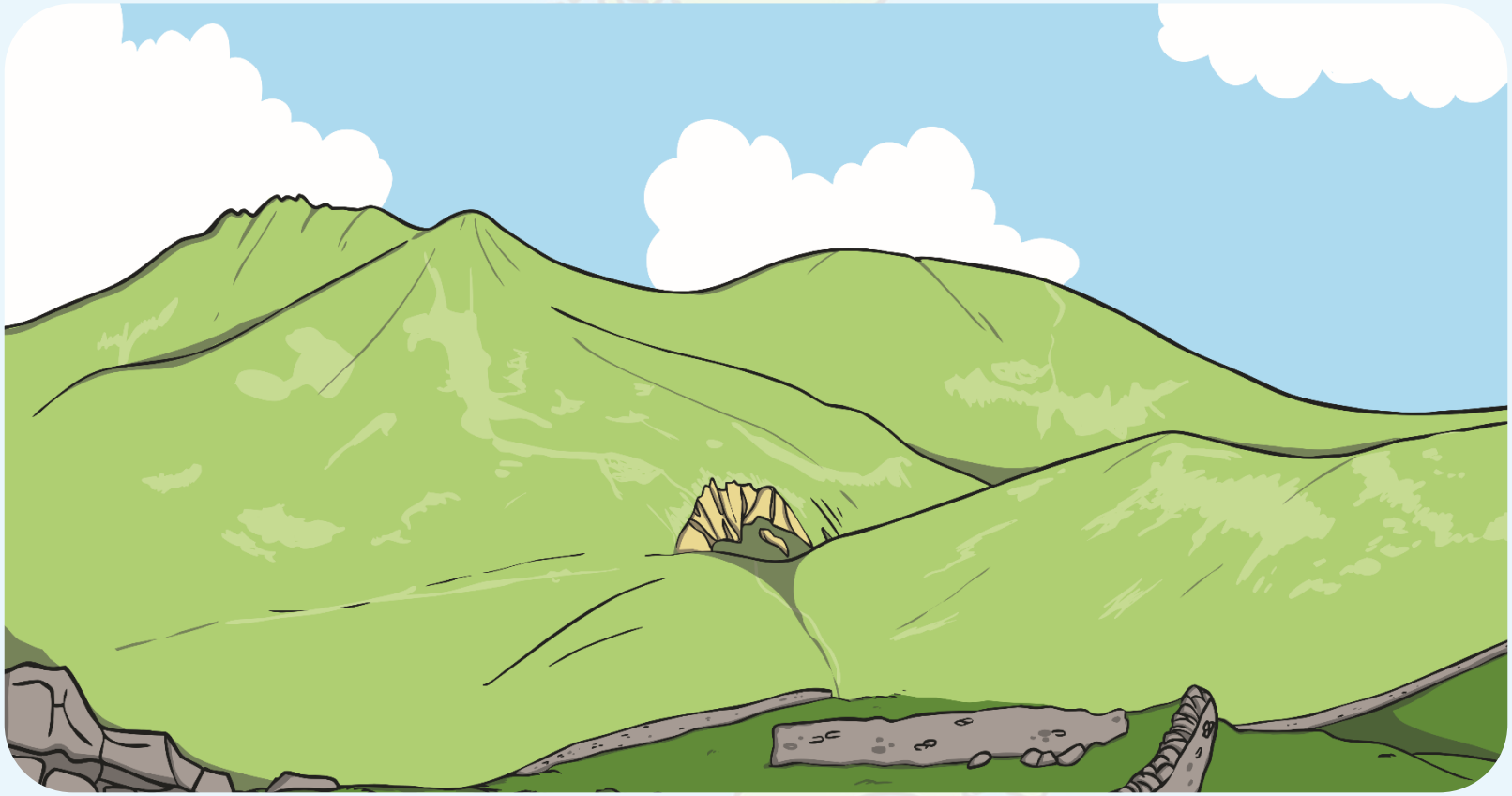
5,000 years ago the UK was covered in thick forest.



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Ben Nevis

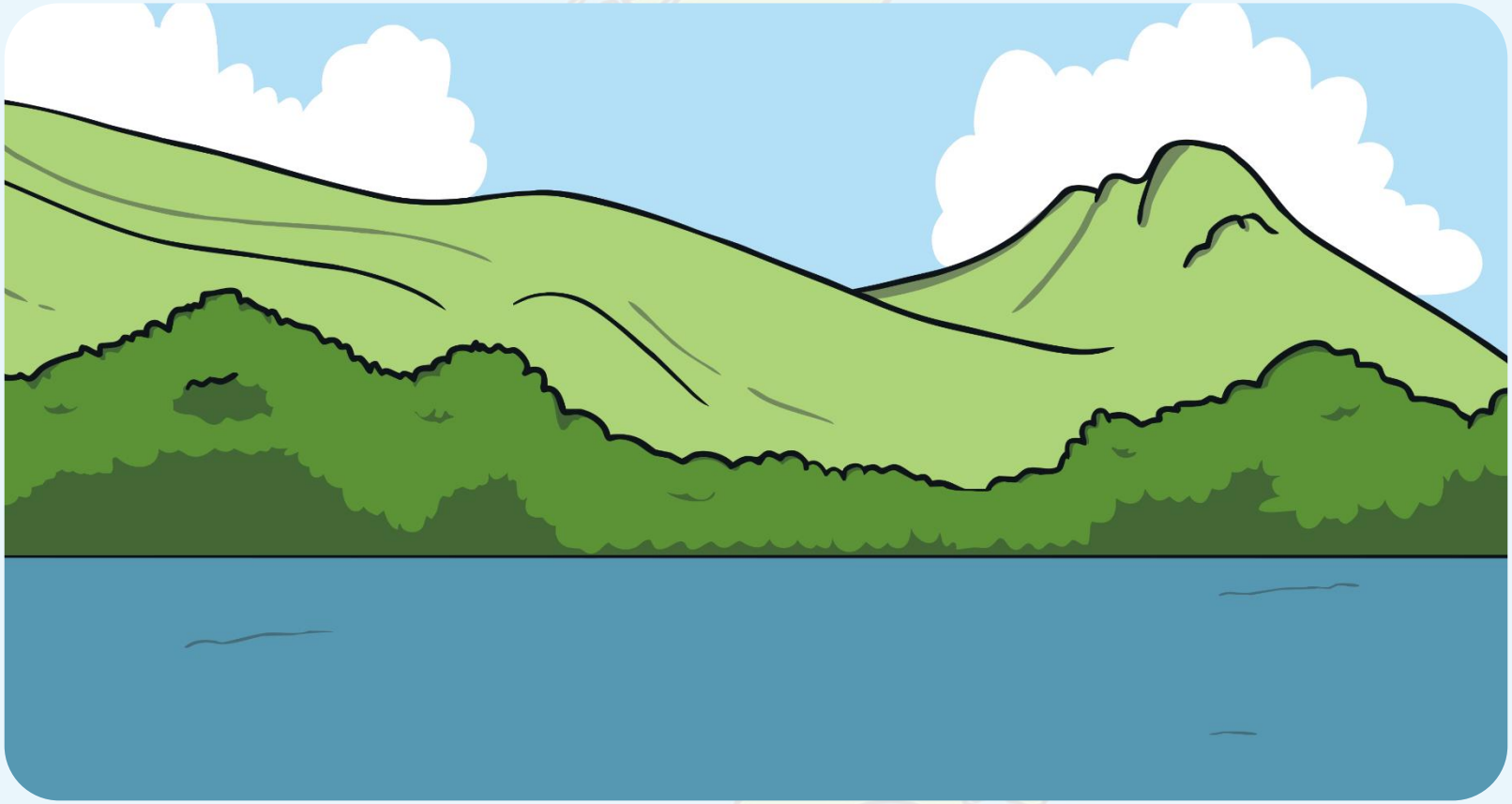
The mountain, Ben Nevis is the highest point in the UK at 1344m.



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Lough Neagh

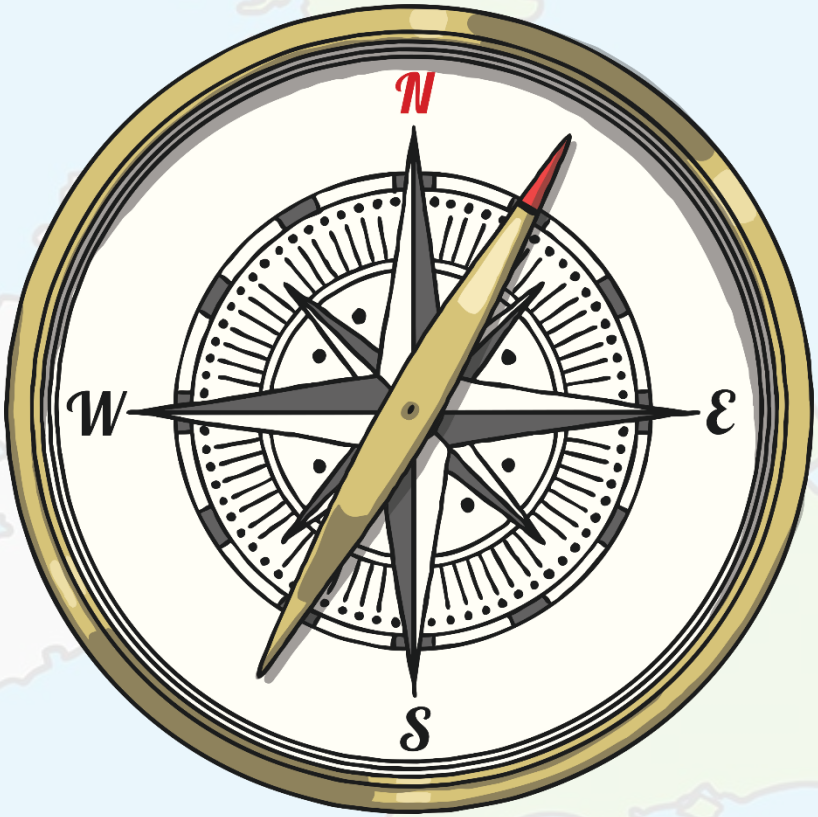
The largest lake is Lough Neagh, Northern Ireland at 151 square miles.



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Dunnet Head

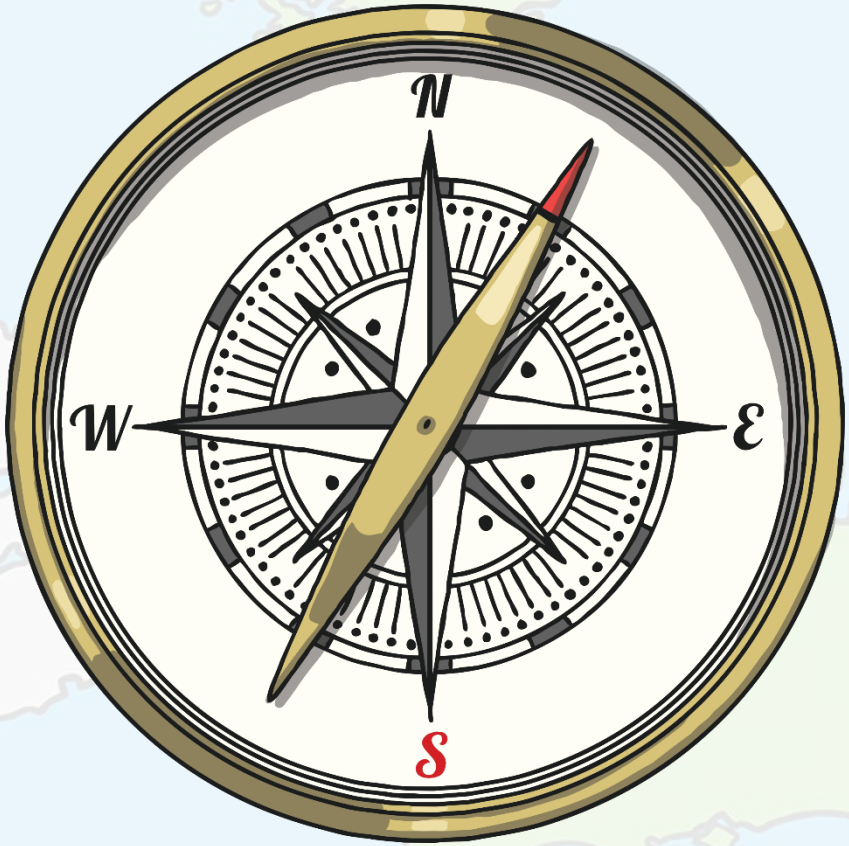
The most northern point is Dunnet Head in the North of Scotland.



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Lizard Point

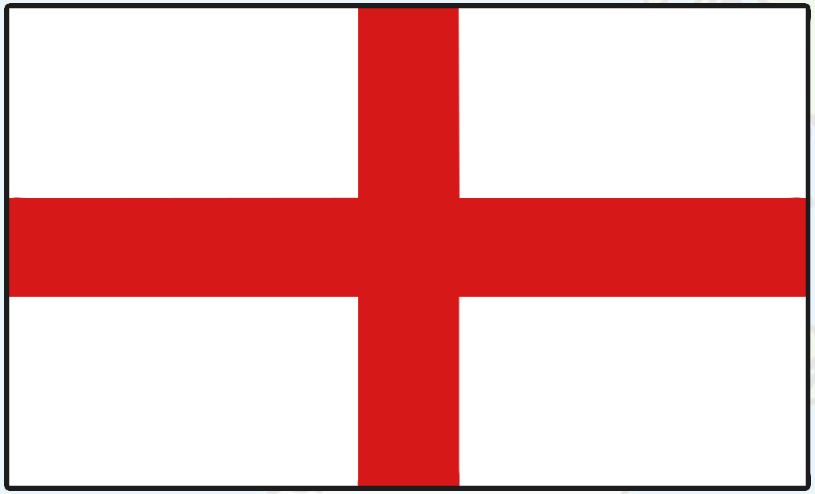
The most southern point is Lizard Point in Cornwall.



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England National Flower

A rose is the English national flower.





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Scotland National Flower

A thistle is the Scottish national flower.

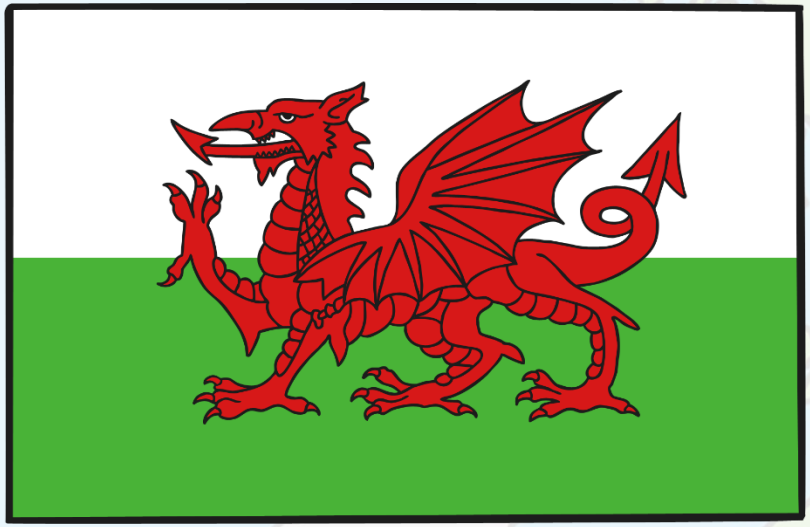


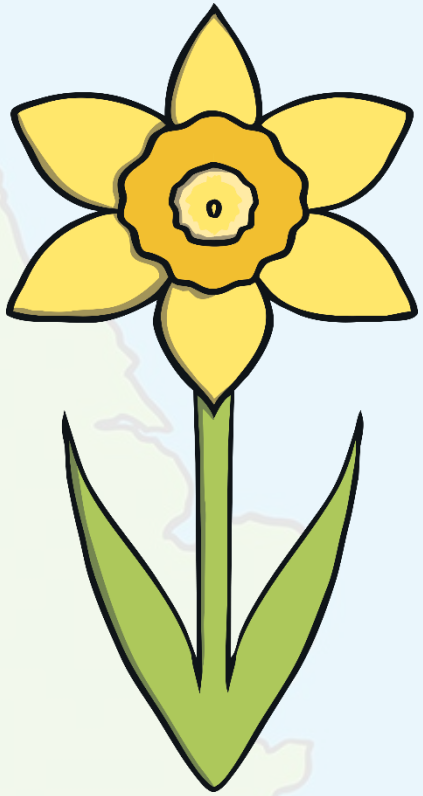


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Wales National Flower

A daffodil is the Welsh national flower.

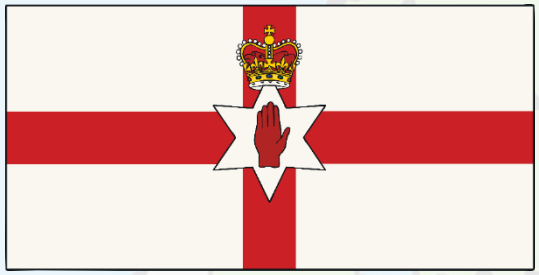


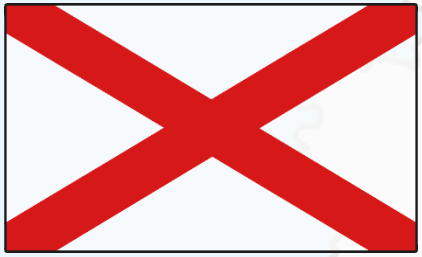


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Northern Ireland National Flower

A shamrock is the Northern Irish national flower.









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UK Cities

Top 5 biggest Cities of the UK:

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Birmingham

Leeds

Glasgow

Manchester



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Capital Cities

England

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Wales

Cardiff

Northern Ireland

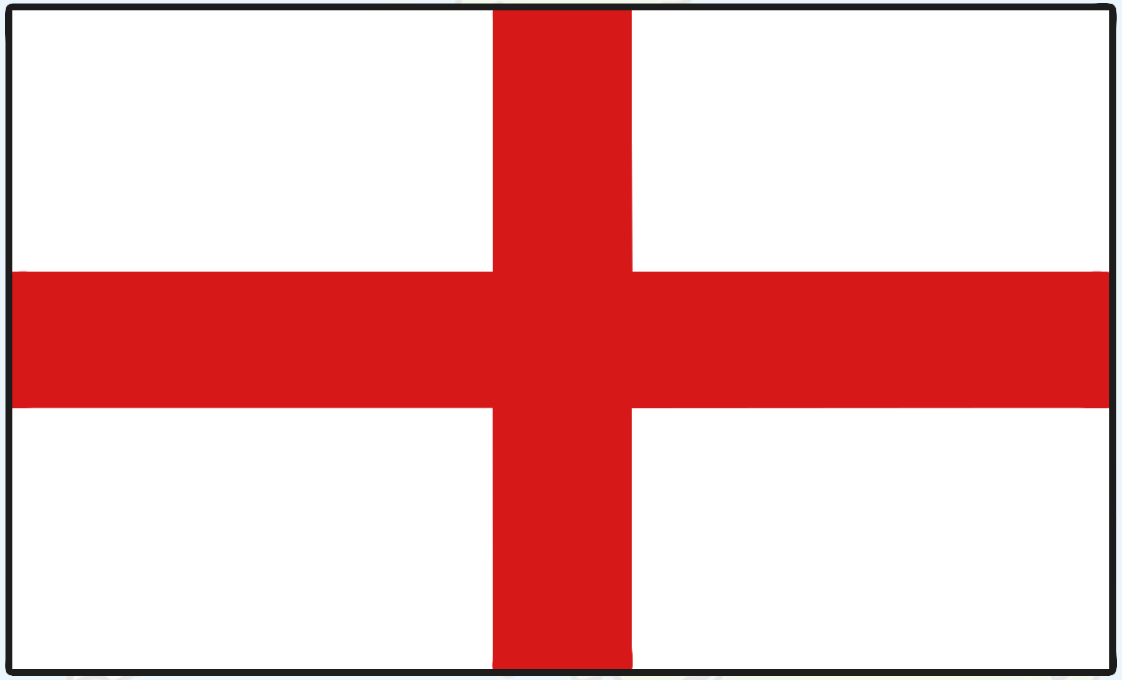
Belfast



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London

The capital city of England is London.



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Facts about London



London is the biggest city in Britain and Europe.
8,900,000 people live in London (2018).



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Queen Elizabeth II

Elizabeth II lives in London and is the Queen of the UK.



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Invaders and Settlers



The Romans were first to settle where London is today, they named it Londinium.

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When the Saxons occupied London, it was known as Lundenwic.

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The Great fire of London

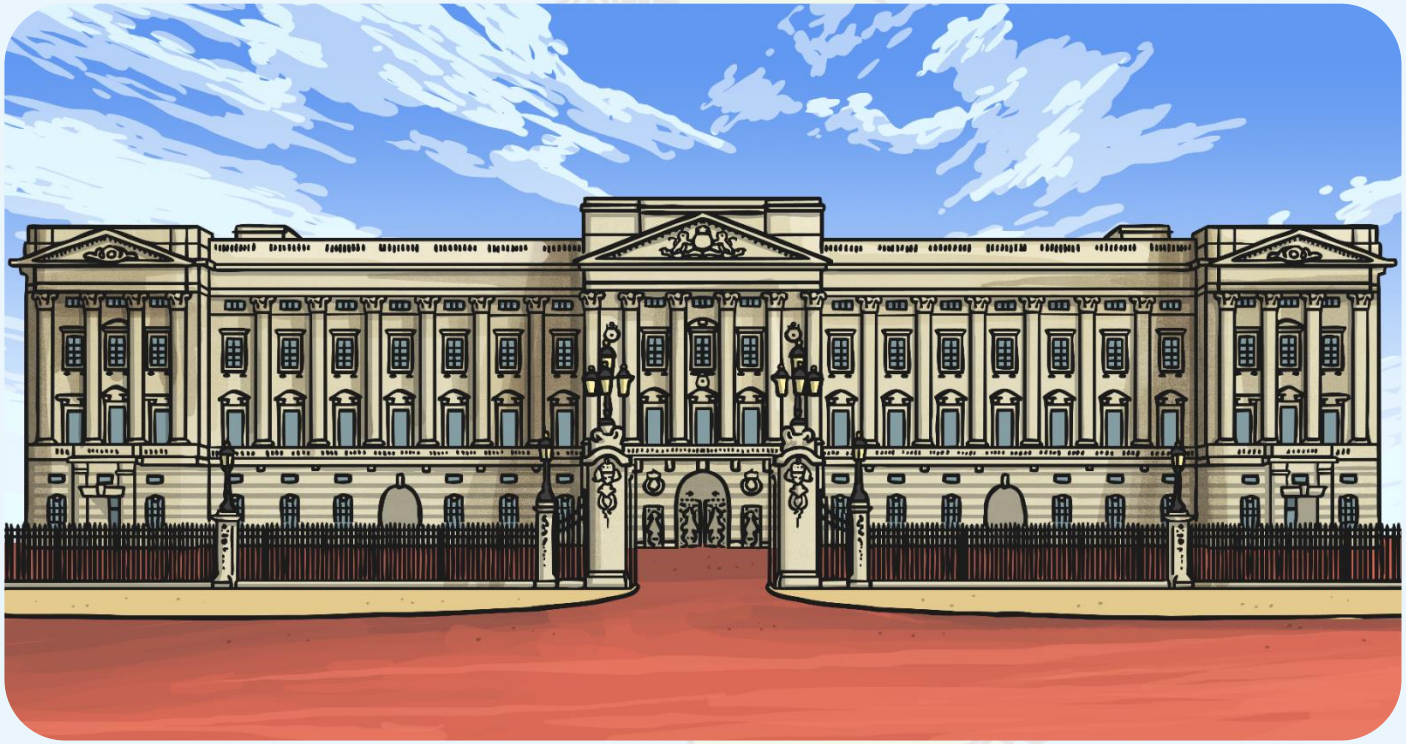
In 1666 the Great Fire of London swept through central parts of London. Much of the city had to be rebuilt.



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Buckingham Palace

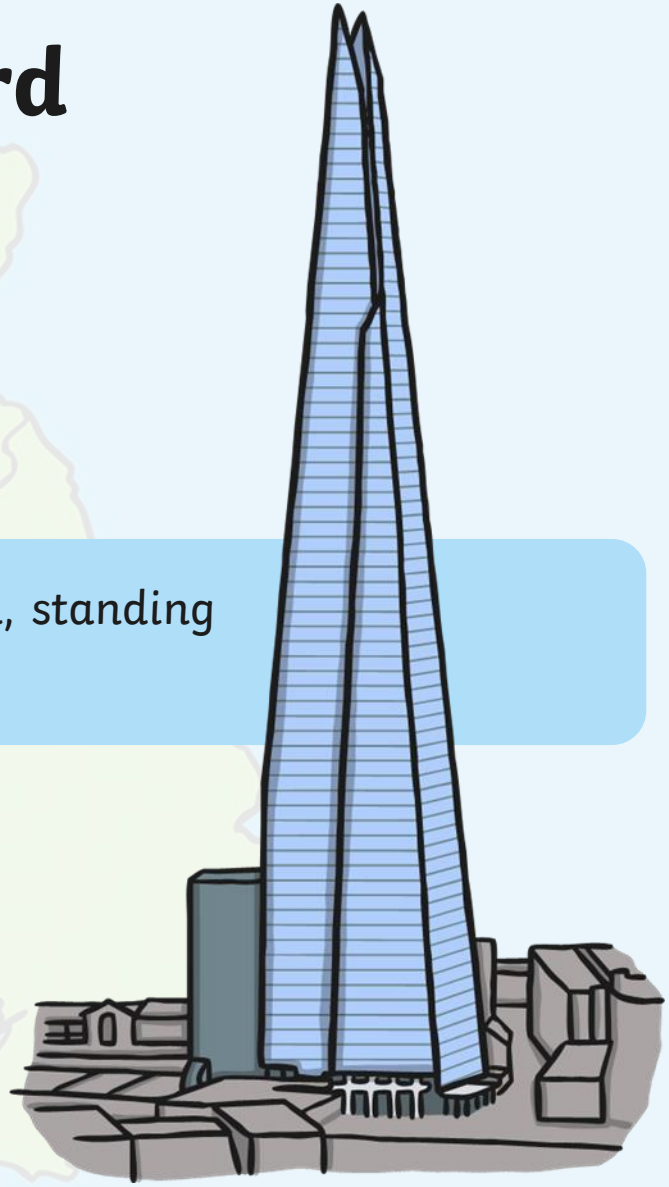
The official London home of the Queen is Buckingham Palace. Buckingham Palace has 775 rooms including 52 royal and guest bedrooms, 188 staff bedrooms and 78 bathrooms.



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The Shard

The tallest building in London is The Shard, standing at 310 metres tall.



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The Houses of Parliament



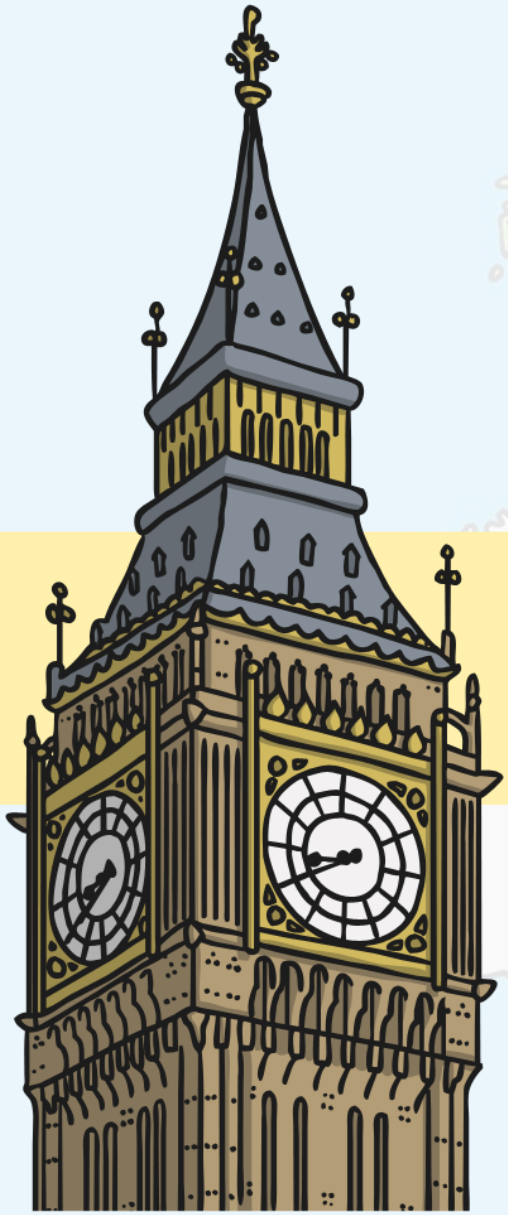
The Houses of Parliament (also known as Palace of Westminster) is the home to the English government. There are 1000 rooms, 100 staircases and 11 courtyards within The Houses of Parliament.

In 1605 a group including Guy Fawkes plotted to blow up Parliament. Fortunately, they were caught before this could happen.



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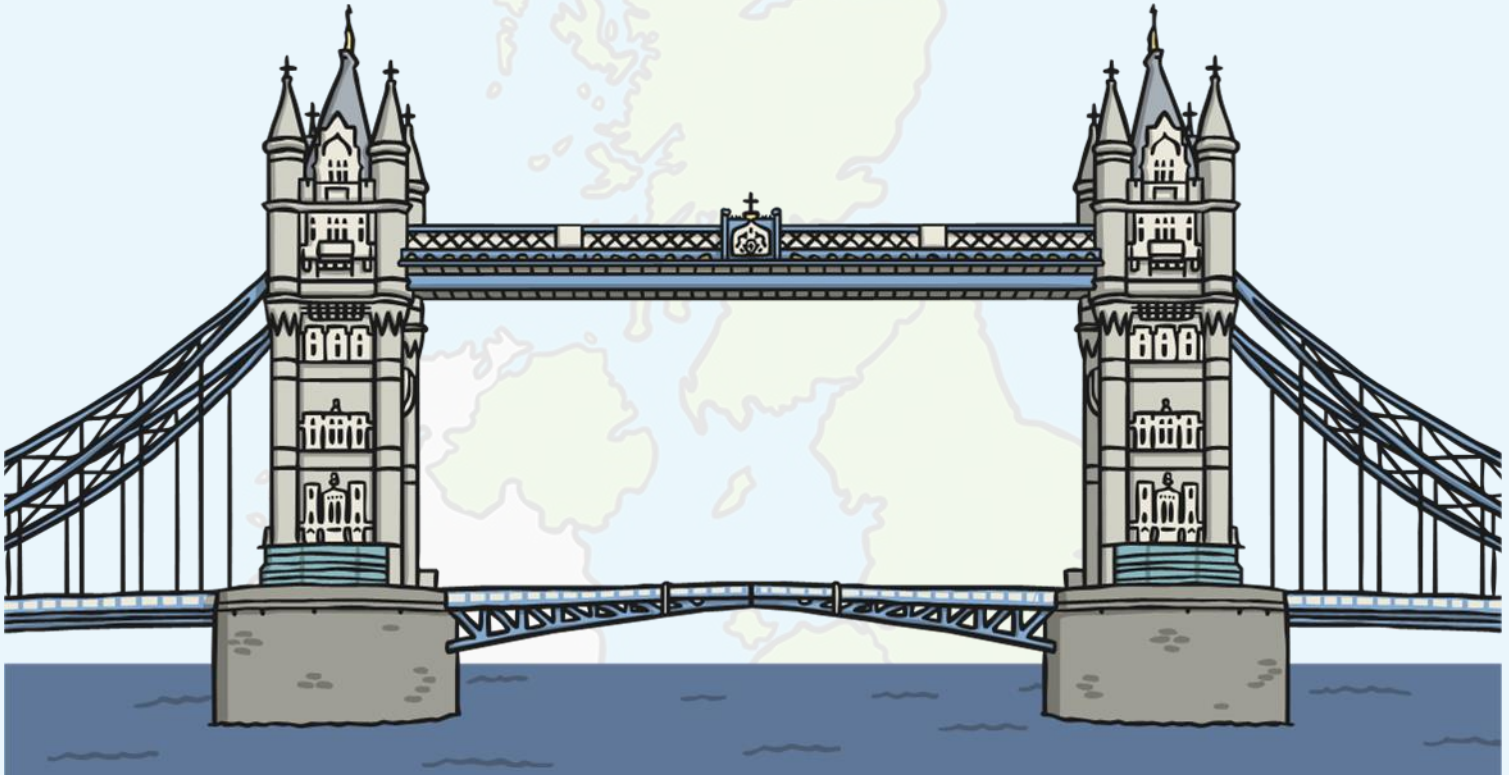
Big Ben



The tower is known as Elizabeth Tower but most people call it Big Ben. However, Big Ben is actually the name of the 13-ton bell inside the clock.

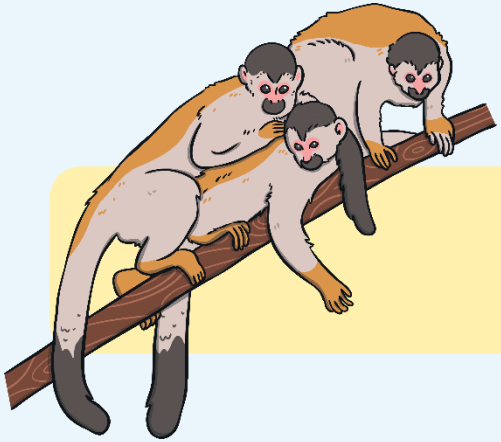
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Tower Bridge



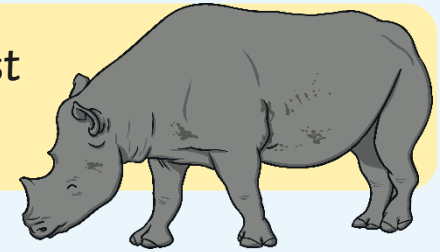
Tower Bridge, standing at 244m high, was opened in 1894.
It is named after The Tower of London.

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London Zoo

London Zoo was the world's first public zoo. It opened in 1829.



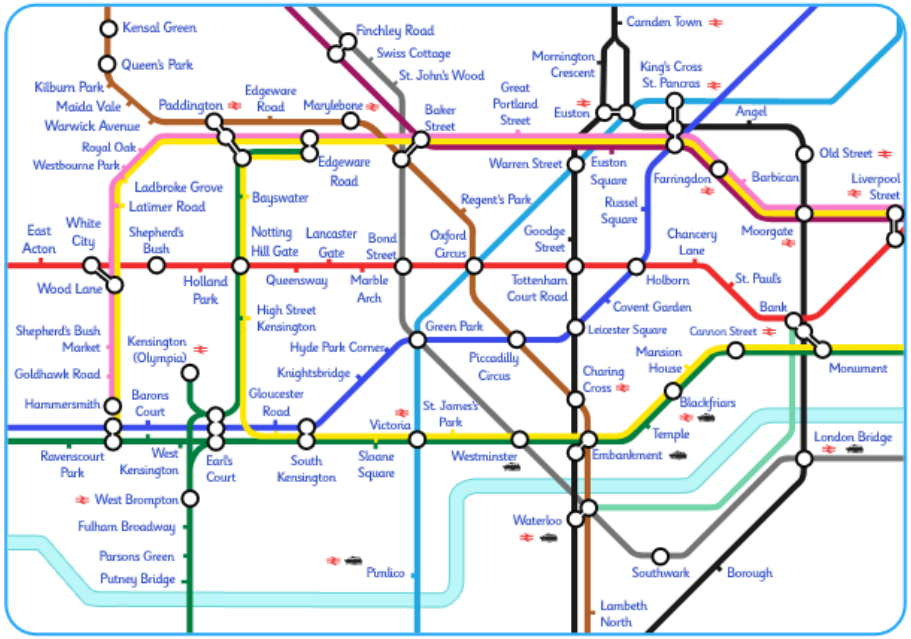


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London Underground

The London Underground is the oldest underground railway network in the world.





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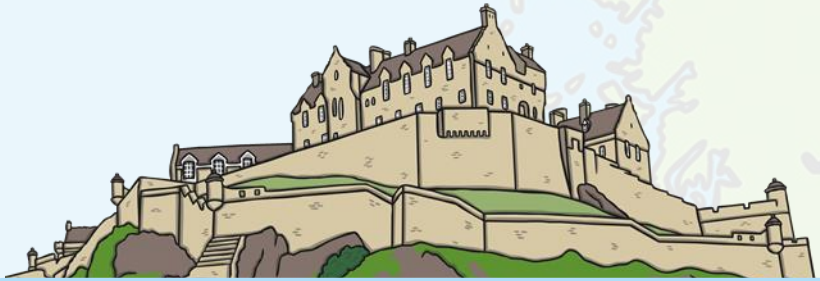
Edinburgh

The capital city of Scotland is Edinburgh.



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Facts about Edinburgh





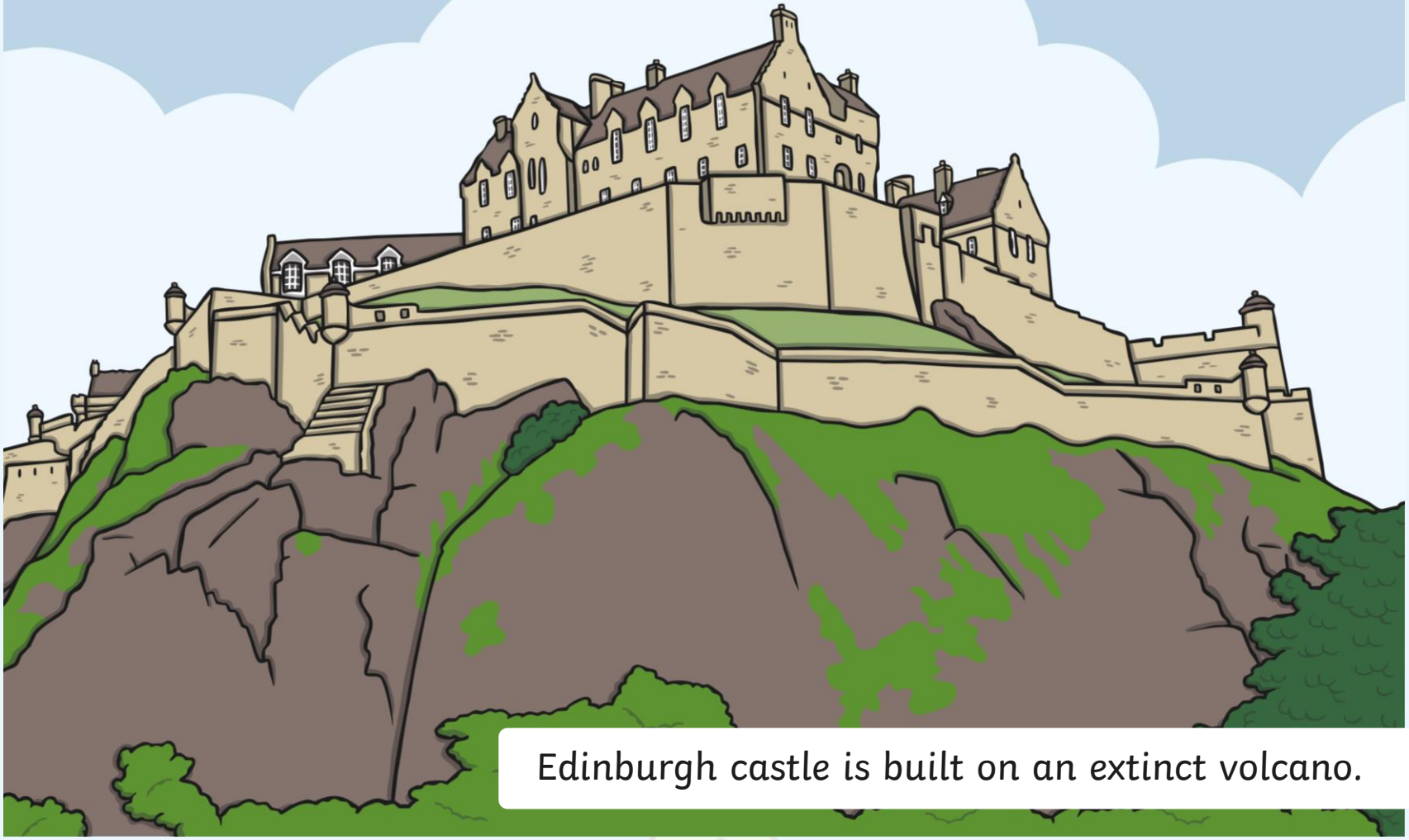
Edinburgh is the second biggest city in Scotland. It is estimated 489,000 people live in Edinburgh (2019).

The main spoken language is English. In addition to this 1.4% of the population also speak Gaelic.



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Edinburgh Castle



Edinburgh castle is built on an extinct volcano.

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Edinburgh Fire Service

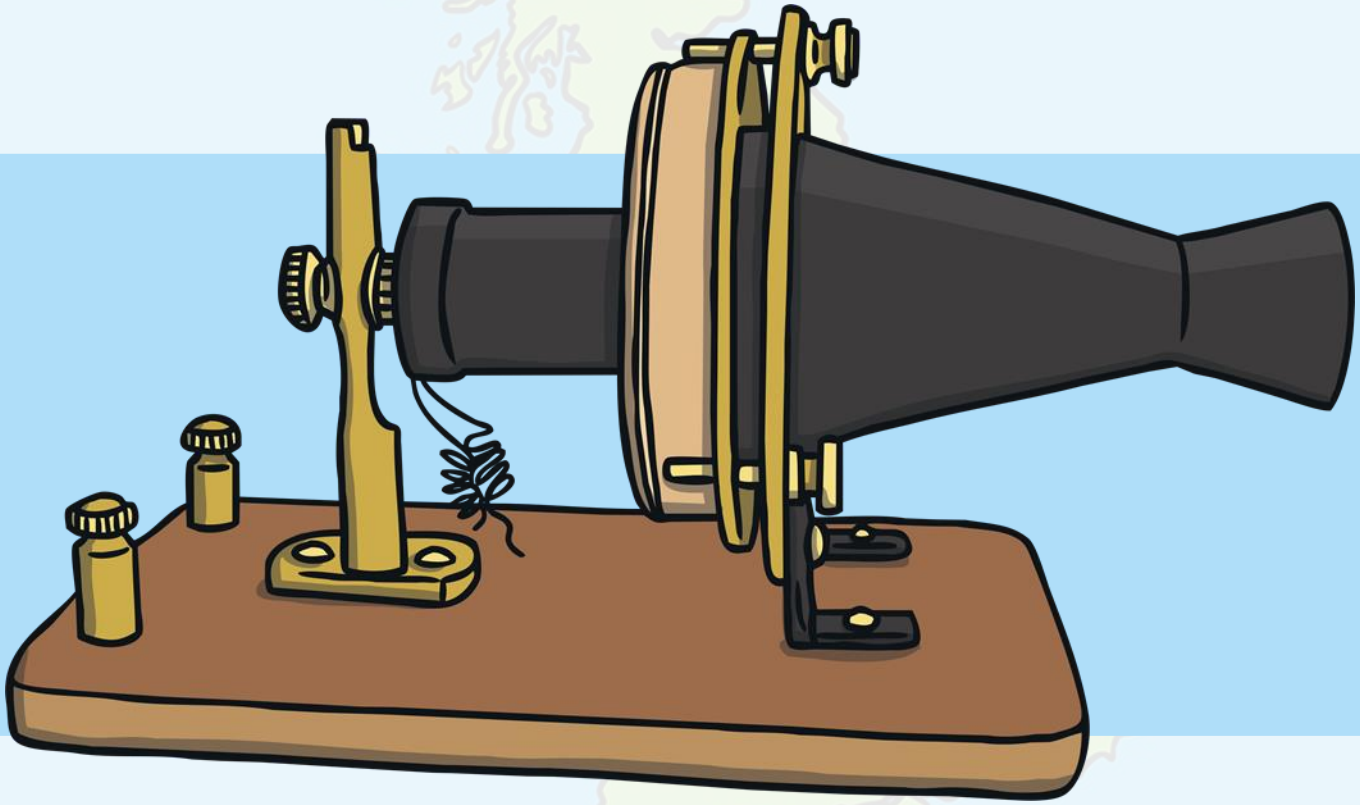
Edinburgh was the first city in the world to have its own fire service.



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Alexander Graham Bell

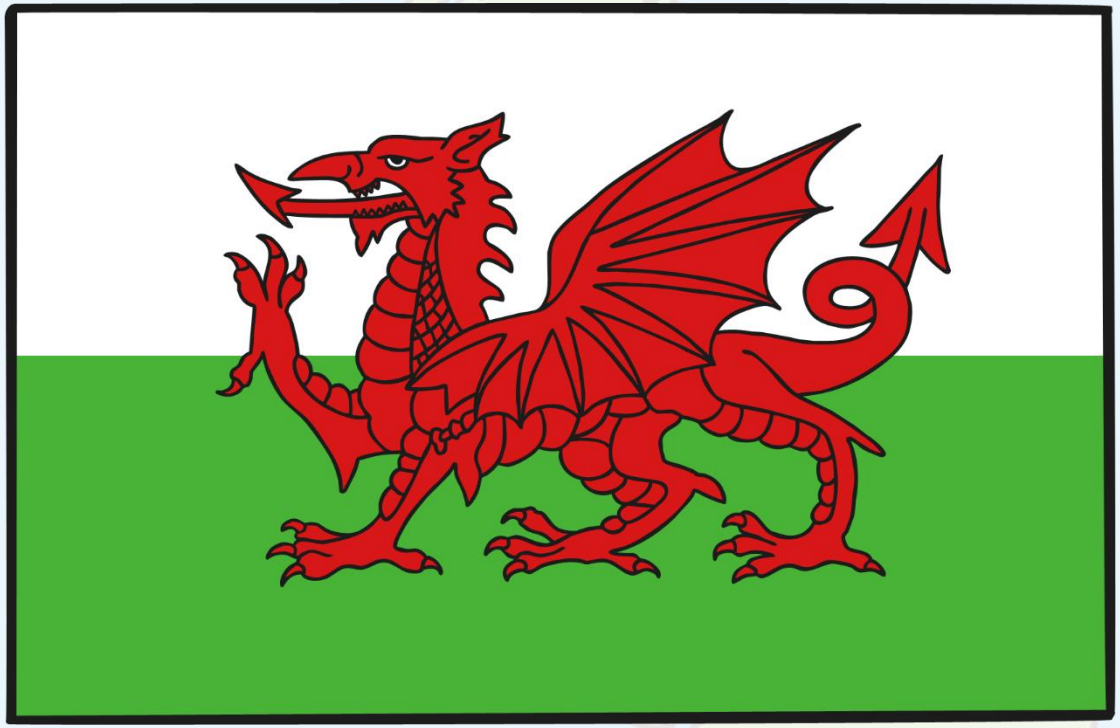
Alexander Graham Bell, who invented the telephone, was born in Edinburgh.



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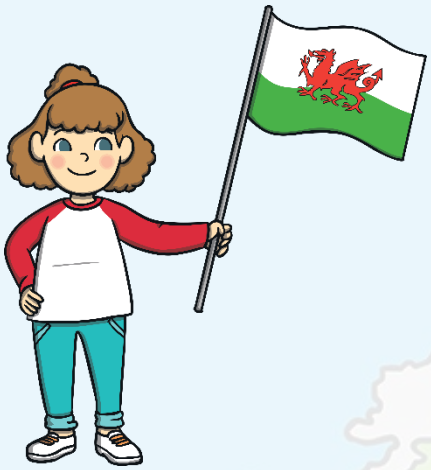
Cardiff

The capital city of Wales is Cardiff. It is the smallest capital city in Europe.



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Facts about Cardiff





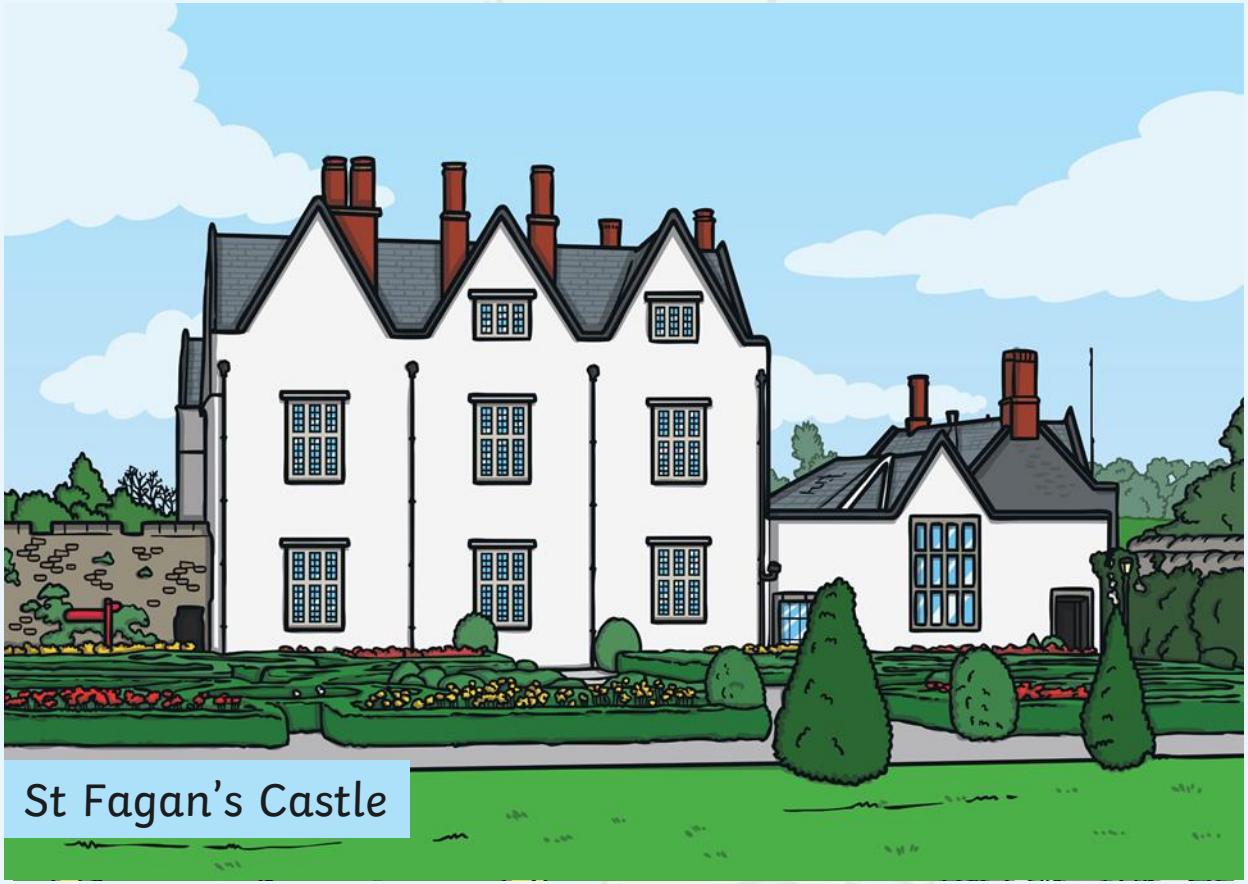
Cardiff is the largest city in Wales. It is estimated that 477,627 people live there (2020). The main spoken language is English and only 10% of the population in Cardiff speaks Welsh.



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City of Castles

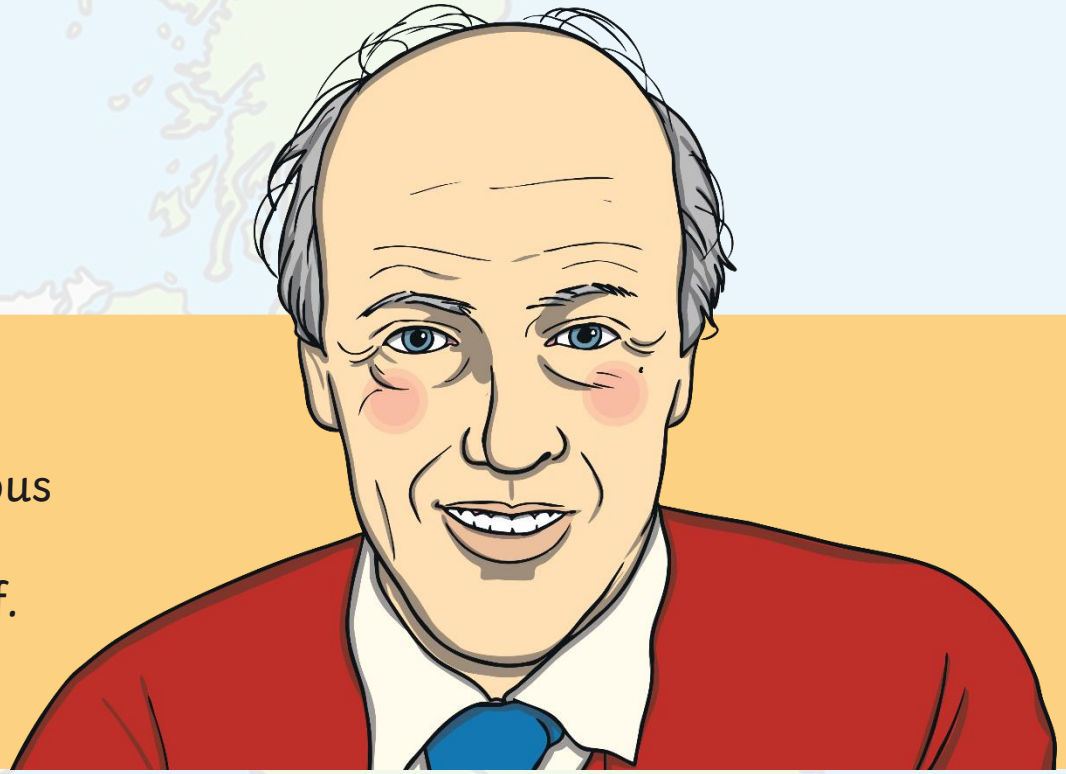
There are three castles still standing in Cardiff: Cardiff Castle, St Fagan's Castle and Castell Coch Castle.



St Fagan's Castle

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Roald Dahl

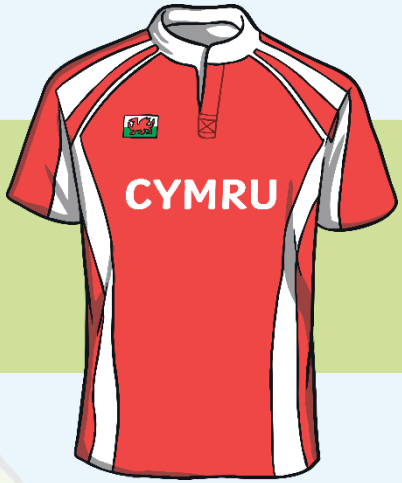


Roald Dahl, a famous children's author, was born in Cardiff.

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The Principality Stadium

The Principality Stadium is home of the Welsh national rugby team. It was opened in 1999 and used to be known as the Millennium Stadium.

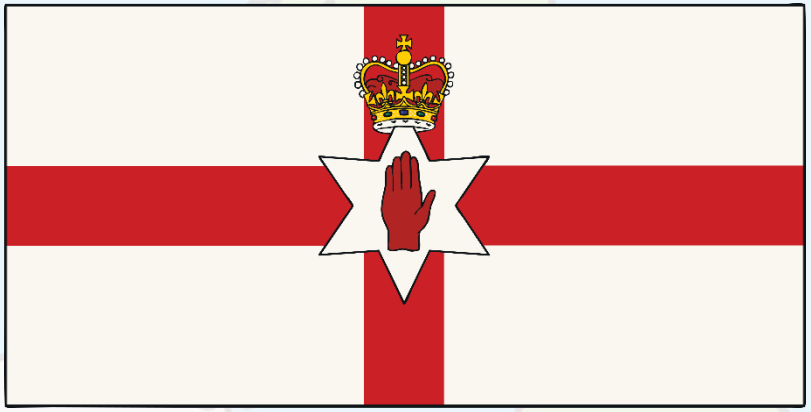


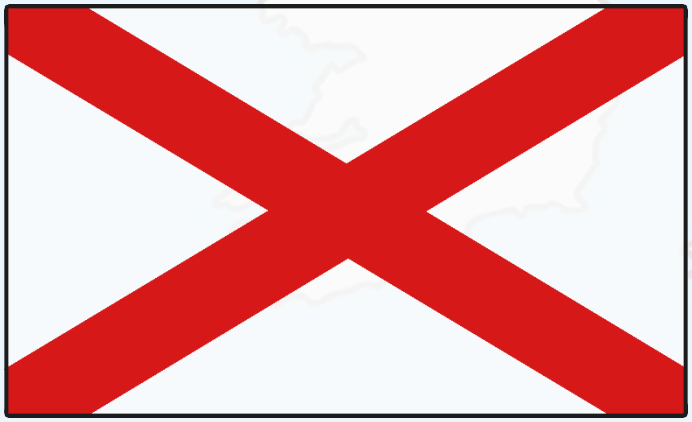


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Belfast

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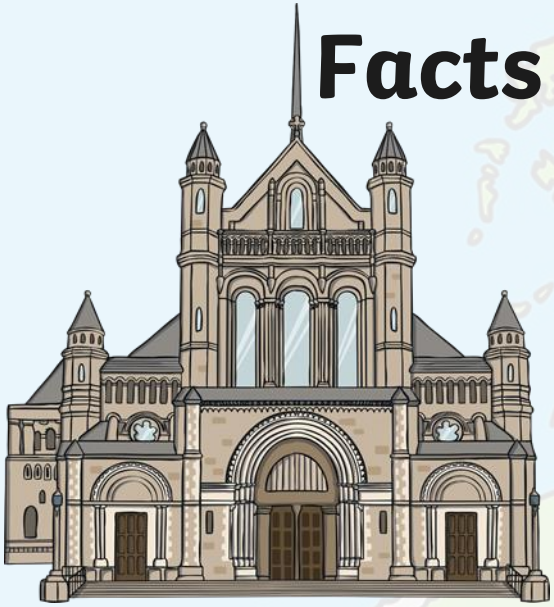




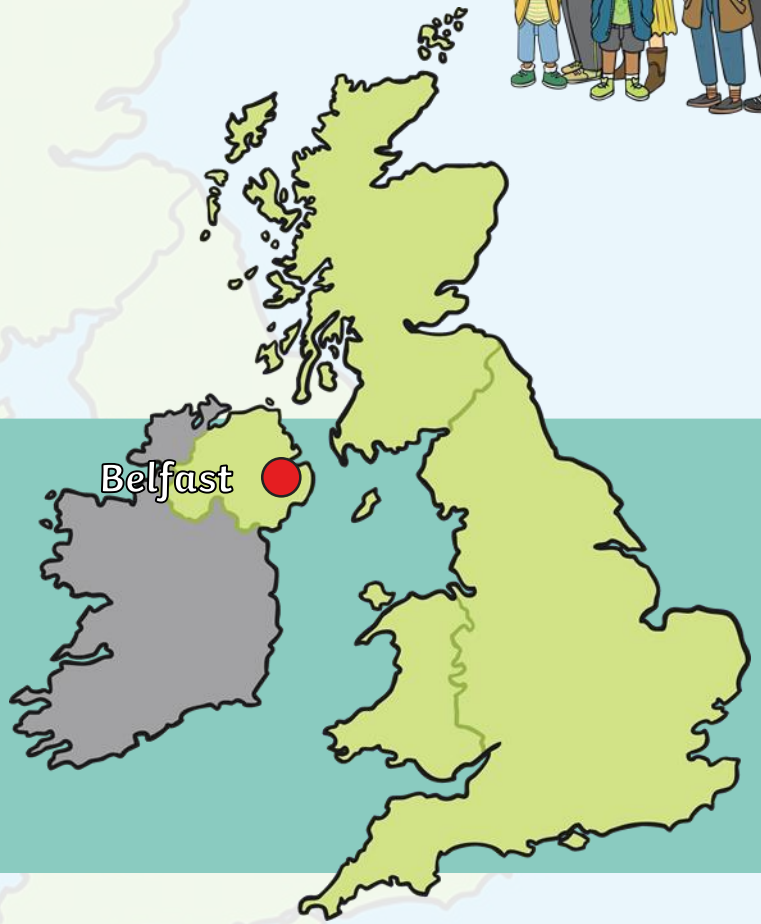


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Facts about Belfast







Belfast is the largest city in Northern Ireland.
It is estimated 585,000 live in and around the Belfast area (2019).

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C.S Lewis

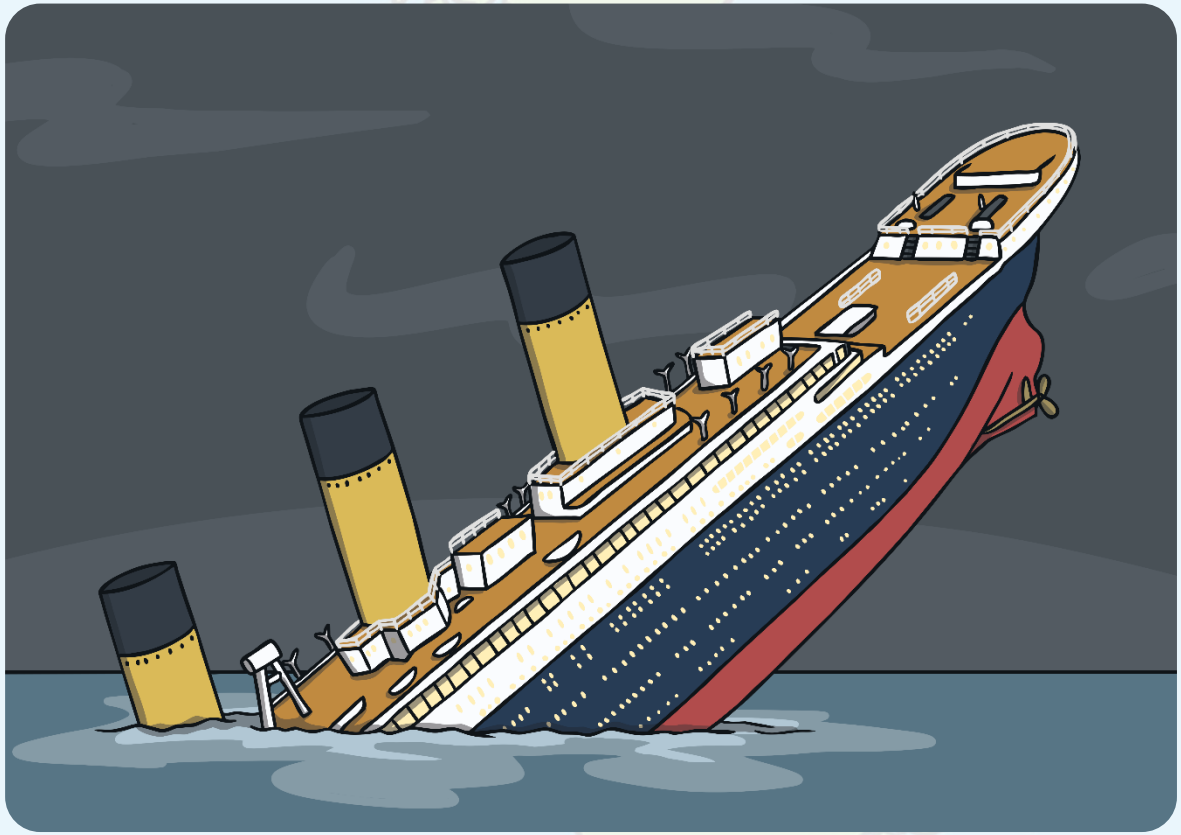
CS Lewis, author of The Chronicles of Narnia, was born in Belfast.



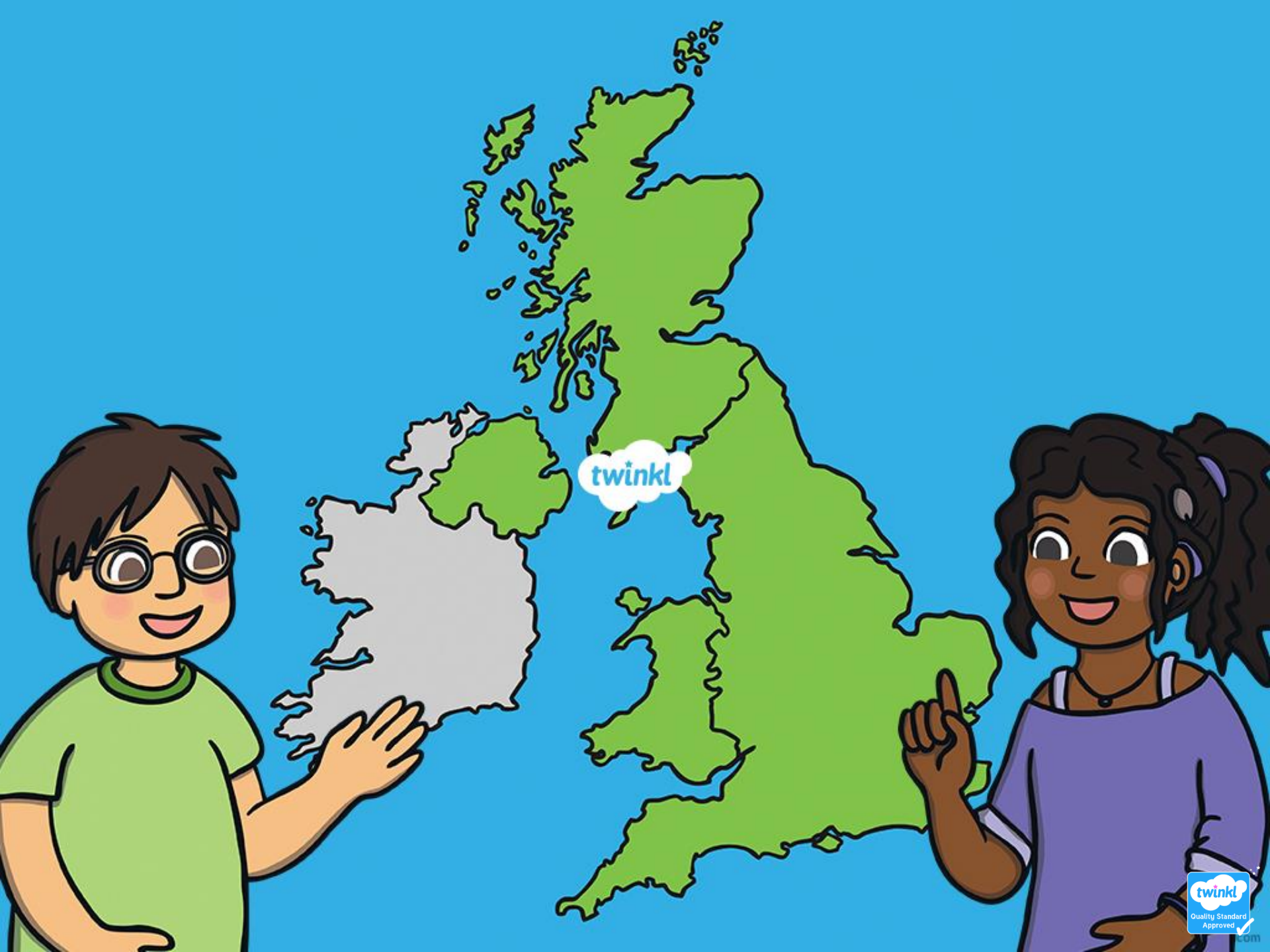
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The Titanic

The world famous ship, The Titanic, was constructed in Belfast.



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