

UNITED KINGDOM

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, or UK, is in Western Europe. It comprises the island of Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) and the northern one-sixth of the island of Ireland (Northern Ireland), together with many smaller islands.

The mainland areas lie between latitudes 49°N and 59°N (the Shetland Islands reach to nearly 61°N), and longitudes 8°W to 2°E . The Royal Greenwich Observatory, near London, is the defining point of the Prime Meridian. The United Kingdom has a total area of approximately $245,000\text{ km}^2$.

The UK lies between the North Atlantic and the North Sea, and comes within 35 km (22 mi) of the northwest coast of France, from which it is separated by the English Channel.

It shares a 499 km international land boundary with the Republic of Ireland. The Channel Tunnel bored beneath the English Channel, now links the UK with France.

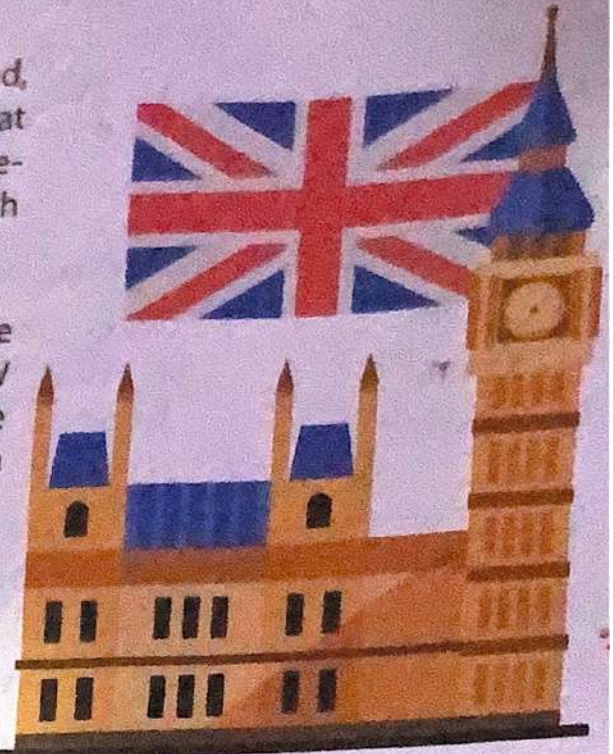
The physical geography of the UK varies greatly. England consists of mostly lowland terrain, with upland or mountainous terrain only found north-west of the Tees-Exe line. The upland areas include the Lake District, the Pennines, North York Moors, Exmoor and Dartmoor. The lowland areas are typically traversed by ranges of low hills, frequently composed of chalk, and flat plains.

Scotland is the most mountainous country in the UK and its physical geography is distinguished by the Highland Boundary Fault which traverses the Scottish mainland from Helensburgh to Stonehaven. The faultline separates the two distinctively different regions of the Highlands to the north and west, and the Lowlands to the south and east.

The Highlands are predominantly mountainous, containing the majority of Scotland's mountainous landscape, while the Lowlands contain flatter land, especially across the Central Lowlands, with upland and mountainous terrain located at the Southern Uplands.

Wales is mostly mountainous, though south Wales is less mountainous than north and mid Wales.

Northern Ireland consists of mostly hilly landscape and its geography includes the Mourne



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United Kingdom

Kingdom	reino	physical	físico
Great	gran	greatly	en gran medida
Comprises	comprende	Upland	tierra alta
sixth	sexto	include	incluye
together	juntos	consists	consiste en
smaller	más pequeño	mostly	principalmente
mainland	continente	lowland	tierras bajas
Shetland	(hombre)	terrain	terreno
near	cerca de	traversed	atravesado
lies	lies	Frequently	frecuentemente
within	en	Chalk	tiza
northwest	noroeste	plains	planos
Coast	costa	most	más
which	que	Distinguished	distinguido
shares	acciones	faultline	falla
land	tierra	south	sur
boundary	frontera	east	este
beneath	(hombre)	containing	que contiene
majority	mayoría	located	ubicado
includes	incluye	though	aunque
glaciation	glaciación	hill	colina
tallest	más alto	lake	lago
		largest	más grande

climate change, in particular **glaciation** in northern and western areas.

The **tallest** mountain in the UK (and British Isles) is Ben Nevis, in the Grampian Mountains, Scotland. The longest river is the River Severn which flows from Wales into England. The largest **lake** by surface area is Lough Neagh in Northern Ireland, though Scotland's Loch Ness has the **largest** volume.

1. One sixth of the island of Ireland belongs to the UK

- a. True.
- b. False.
- c. We don't know

"It comprises the island of Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) and the northern one sixth of the island of Ireland."

2. The distance from the UK to the coast of France is...

- a. 499 km.
- b. 35 km.
- c. 150 km.

"and comes within 35 km of the northwest coast of France"

3. The UK is linked to France through the Channel Tunnel.

- a. True.
- b. False.
- c. We don't know.

"The channel tunnel bored beneath the English channel, now links the UK with France"

4. The most mountainous country is...

- a. Wales.
- b. Scotland.
- c. England.

"Scotland is the most mountainous country in the UK"

5. The largest lake in the UK is in Wales.

- a. True.
- b. False.
- c. We don't know.

"The largest lake by surface area is Lough Neagh in Northern Ireland"

6. The tallest mountain in the UK is in Scotland.

- a. True.
- b. False.
- c. We don't know.

"The tallest mountain in the UK is Ben Nevis in the Grampian Mountains, Scotland."



ENGLAND NATIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM



The England national football team represents England (not the **whole United Kingdom**) in international football competitions **such as the World Cup** and the European Championships. It is **controlled** by The Football Association, the **governing body** for football in England.

Partly thanks to historical **accident**, and continuing national **sentiment** among them, each of the **four** Home Nations of the United Kingdom **possesses** its own separate football association, **domestic** league and national team. Because the IOC does not accept regional **representative** teams, England, like the **other three**, do not compete in Olympic football.

England are by far the most **successful** of the Home Nations, **having won the 1966 World Cup** and the British Home Championship **outright** thirty-four times, as many as the other three nations have won **outright altogether**.

For the first 80 years of its existence, the England team **played its home** matches at different **venues** all around the country; for the first few years it used **cricket** grounds, before later moving on to football clubs' **stadiums**. England **played** their first match at Wembley Stadium in 1924, the year after it was completed, **against** Scotland, but for the next 27 years would only use Wembley as a **venue** for Scotland matches; other **opposition** were still **entertained** at club grounds around the country.

In May 1951, Argentina **became** the first team other than Scotland to be **entertained** at Wembley, and by 1960 **nearly** all of England's home matches were being played there. Between 1966 and 1995, England did not play a **single** home match anywhere else.

England's last match at Wembley before its **demolition** and **reconstruction** was against Germany on October 7, 2000, a game **which** England lost 1-0. Since then the **team** has played at 14 different **venues** around the country, with Old Trafford **having** been the most often used. The FA have **ruled** that **when** the new Wembley is completed in mid-2006, England's travels will end, and the **team** will play all of their home **matches** there **until** at least 2036. The **main** reason for this is financial. The FA did not own the old Wembley **stadium**, but it does own the new one, and has **taken** on debts of **hundreds** of millions of **pounds** to pay for it. Thus it needs to maximise the revenue from England matches, and does not wish to **share** it with the **owners** of other grounds.

1. The Football Association is the governing body for football in England.

- a. True.
- b. False.
- c. We don't know

"The football association, the governing body for football in England."

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England National football team

whole	todo	being	ser
Kingdom	reino	else	si no
Such	tal	demolition	demolicion
World Cup	Copa del mundo	having	teniendo
Controlled	controlado	ruled	gobernado
governing body	organos de gobierno		
Partly	en parte		
accident	accidente		
Settling	Sentimiento	Grounds	terrenos
four	cuatro	owners	propietarios
possesses	posee	share	compartir
Domestic	Domestico	pounds	libra
Sentative	Sensible	hundreds	cientos
Compete in	Competir	Until	hasta
other three	otros tres	rues	desnudo
successful	exitoso		
outright	directamente		
altogether	en fin		
Played	jugado		
home	inicio		
Venues	lugares		
Cricket	Deporte		
stadiums	estadios		
against	Contra		
opposition	oposición		
entertained	entretenido		
grounds	terrenos		
around	dredeador de		
became	Se convirtió en		
hardly	con cariño		
Single	Solo		
anywhere	en cualquier lugar		
else	si no		
demolition	demolicion		
reconstruction	reconstrucción		
team	equipo		
matches	coincide con		

2. England has never won the World Championship.

- a. True.
- b. False.
- c. We don't know

Having won the 1966 world Cup and the British home Championship

3. England has won the British Home Championship four times.

- a. True.
- b. False.
- c. We don't know

British home championship, outright thirty-four times

4. Wembley Stadium was completed in 1923.

- a. True.
- b. False.
- c. We don't know

Before later moving on to football clubs stadiums, England played their first match at Wembley stadium in 1924.

5. The new Wembley Stadium will be completed by 2036.

- a. True.
- b. False.
- c. We don't know

The new Wembley is completed in mid 2006