

READING COMPREHENSION



Read the following text and answer the questions.

Engles

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 km².

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.



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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

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 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

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

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

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

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

4. The most mountainous country is...

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

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

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

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

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

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United Kingdom.

- Western / Occidental
- Together / Juntos
- Many / Muchos
- Smaller / Menor
- Lie / Mentir
- Shares / Comparte
- Land / Tierra
- Boundary / Perimetro
- Greatly / Mucho
- Mostly / Principalmente
- Lowland / Tierras bajas
- Chalk / Tiza
- Mainland / Continente
- Stonehenge /
- Distinctively / Distintivo
- Hilly / Montañoso
- Longest / Mas largo
- Largest / mas grande
- Surface / Superficie

ENGLAND NATIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM

Inglés



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

2. England has never won the World Cup.

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

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

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

4. Wembley Stadium was completed in 1923.

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

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

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

GREAT FIRE OF LONDON

The Great Fire of London was a major conflagration that swept through London, from Sunday, 2 September to Wednesday, 5 September 1666.

The fire started in a bakery on the north side of the medieval City of London inside the old Roman wall.

England National Football Team

- Whole / Entero
- Such / Semejante
- Continuing / Continuo
- Among / Entre
- Other / Otro
- Far / Lejos
- Successful / exitoso
- Having / teniendo
- Outright / total
- Many / muchos
- Altogether / en total
- Matches / Partidos
- Venues / lugares
- Around / Alrededor
- Grounds / Jardines
- Entertained / Entretenido
- Nearly / Por poco
- Anywhere / en cualquier lugar
- Demolition / Demolición
- Against / en contra
- Us / Nuestro
- Trafford /
- Reason / Razón
- Financial / Financiero
- Own / Propio
- Debts / Deudas
- Pounds / Libras
- Revenue / Ingresos
- Owners / Proprietarios.