

Check your Knowledge of Britain

How much do you know about Britain? This test should help you to evaluate your level.

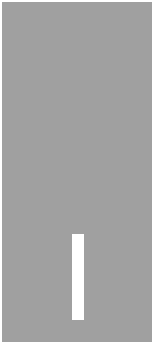
1. What term is used to address Her Majesty the Queen?
 - a. Mum
 - b. Mom
 - c. Ma'am
2. Which one of the following dishes is not a traditional British dish?
 - a. Fish and chips
 - b. Pecan pie
 - c. Yorkshire pudding
3. Who is the Duke of Rothesay?
 - a. Prince William
 - b. Prince Harry
 - c. Prince Charles
4. Which King of England was beheaded in 1649?
 - a. Edward I
 - b. James I
 - c. Charles I
5. What name was given to Bonnie Prince Charles?
 - a. the Old Pretender
 - b. the Young Pretender
 - c. the Rightful King
6. What is the population of Great Britain?
 - a. 50 million
 - b. 60 million
 - c. 70 million
7. Which document guaranteeing the right of free men was forced on King John in 1215?
 - a. Magna Carta
 - b. Bill of Rights
 - c. Habeas Corpus

8. Who is the patron saint of Scotland?
 - a. Patrick
 - b. David
 - c. Andrew
9. What colours make up the English flag?
 - a. white and red
 - b. blue and white
 - c. blue, white and red
10. Who do the English make fun of in the same way as the French make fun of the Belgians?
 - a. the Scots
 - b. the Welsh
 - c. the Irish
11. When did women first get the vote in England?
 - a. 1918
 - b. 1928
 - c. 1945
12. At what age can people vote in the UK?
 - a. 16
 - b. 18
 - c. 21
13. Which name was given to the government of Oliver Cromwell?
 - a. the British Republic
 - b. the Commonwealth
 - c. the Covenant
14. Which English poet wrote *Paradise Lost*?
 - a. John Dryden
 - b. John Milton
 - c. John Donne
15. What is a public school?
 - a. a school for every child
 - b. a school for the working classes
 - c. a school for the elite
16. Which river runs into the sea at Liverpool?
 - a. the Thames
 - b. the Mersey
 - c. the Humber

17. What is the English equivalent for the French Pas-de-Calais?
 - a. the Straits of Dover
 - b. the Cliffs of Dover
 - c. the Seas of Dover
18. Which county is referred to as the Garden of England?
 - a. Kent
 - b. Devon
 - c. Cheshire
19. What is the name of the forest where the popular folk hero Robin Hood and his Merry Men used to live?
 - a. Dartmoor
 - b. Sherwood Forest
 - c. the Deep Forest
20. What is the name of the islands north of Scotland?
 - a. Orkney and Shetlands
 - b. the Isle of Skye
 - c. the Isle of Arran
21. Which is the highest mountain in the UK?
 - a. Ben Nevis
 - b. Mount Snowden
 - c. Scafell Pike
22. Which of the following airports is not situated around London?
 - a. Heathrow
 - b. Gatwick
 - c. Farnborough
23. Who is Black Rod?
 - a. an official of the Houses of Parliament
 - b. a member of the government
 - c. the Queen's government
24. The firm Rolls Royce has been taken over by:
 - a. BMW
 - b. Ford
 - c. Volkswagen
25. What was the first capital of England in Anglo-Saxon times?
 - a. Bath
 - b. Winchester
 - c. Manchester

26. What is the origin of the name London?
 - a. Ludivinium
 - b. Londinium
 - c. Lundenwic
27. When was the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II?
 - a. 1951
 - b. 1953
 - c. 1955
28. Which English sportsman ran the mile in under four minutes?
 - a. Sebastian Coe
 - b. Steve Cram
 - c. Roger Banister
29. Which family had as its emblem the White Rose in the War of the Roses?
 - a. Spencer
 - b. York
 - c. Lancaster
30. Who was known as "the Queen of Hearts"?
 - a. Princess Margaret
 - b. Princess Camilla
 - c. Princess Diana
31. Who singed (to singe = to burn) the King of Spain's beard?
 - a. Sir Francis Drake
 - b. Sir Francis Chichester
 - c. Sir Francis Bacon

The British Isles



1. Read the following passage then answer the questions. Circle the right answer(s).

*“This royal throne of kings, this scepter’d isle,
This earth of majesty, this seat of Mars,
This other Eden, demi-paradise,
This fortress built by Nature for herself
Against infection and the hand of war,
This happy breed of men, this little world,
This precious stone set in the silver sea,
Which serves it in the office of a wall,
Or as a moat defensive to a house,
Against the envy of less happier lands,
This blessed plot, this earth,
This realm, this England”*
William Shakespeare,
Richard II (II, 1 40-50)

throne : trône – scepter : sceptre – breed : race – set : serti – in the office of : *comme, qui fait office de* – moat : douve – plot : terre, terrain – realm : royaume

1. The description of England is :
 - a. very positive
 - b. highly critical
 - c. extremely pessimistic
2. Pick out the metaphors used to describe England.

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3. Who might envy the prosperity of England?
 - a. Spain
 - b. France
 - c. Scotland
 - d. every country mentioned above

2. Word search (up, down, across). Find the countries that make up the British Isles and their capital cities.

B	C	E	I	R	E	A	V	B
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A	R	I	R	E	L	A	N	D

3. Fill in the table below.

Country	Capital

4. Quiz. Circle the right answer(s).

- What is the northernmost point of Great Britain?
 - Inverness
 - John O'Groats
 - Balmoral
- What is the southernmost point of Great Britain?
 - Lewis
 - Exeter
 - Land's End

3. What distance separates the northernmost point from the southernmost one?
 - a. 999 miles
 - b. 1,111 miles
 - c. 1,550 miles
 (1 mile = 1,6 km)
4. What is the difference between the United Kingdom, Great Britain, and the British Isles? Match the group of countries with the geographical term used to combine them.

<i>Term</i>	Countries making up the geographical term
1. British Isles	a. Great Britain, Northern Ireland
2. Great Britain	b. England, Scotland, Ireland (North and South), Wales
3. United Kingdom	c. England, Scotland, Wales

5. Which country has two capitals?
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5. National symbols and emblems. Match the countries with their associated, saints, colours, plants and flags.

Saints : Andrew, David, George, Patrick

Colours : red, blue, green, orange

Plant : thistle (*chardon*), shamrock (*trèfle*), leek (*poireau*), rose (*rose*)

Flags : Saint Andrew's Cross (blue transversal cross on a white background) – Saint George's Cross (red vertical & horizontal cross on a white background) – Saint Patrick's Cross (red transversal cross on white background) – Republican flag (green, white, gold tricolour) – the Red Hand of Ulster (a red hand on a white background) – Saint David's Cross, a black flag divided by a yellow cross into four equal quarters – the Red Dragon, which consists of a red dragon on a white and green striped background

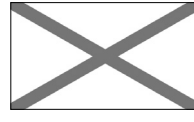
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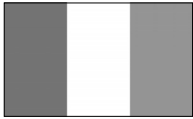
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2. Fill in the following grid.

Country	Saint	Colour	Plant	Flag
England				
Scotland				
Northern Ireland				
Eire (Republic)				
Wales				

3. National patriotic songs.

1. What is the patriotic song of Scotland?
 - a. Scotland the Brave
 - b. Brave Heart
 - c. The Highland Fling
2. What is the patriotic song of Wales?
 - a. Land of My Fathers
 - b. God Bless the Prince of Wales
 - c. Men of Harlech