

The United Kingdom



What is the United Kingdom?

The United Kingdom (UK) is made up of 4 separate countries - England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales.

People live in villages, towns and cities all across the UK.



Village

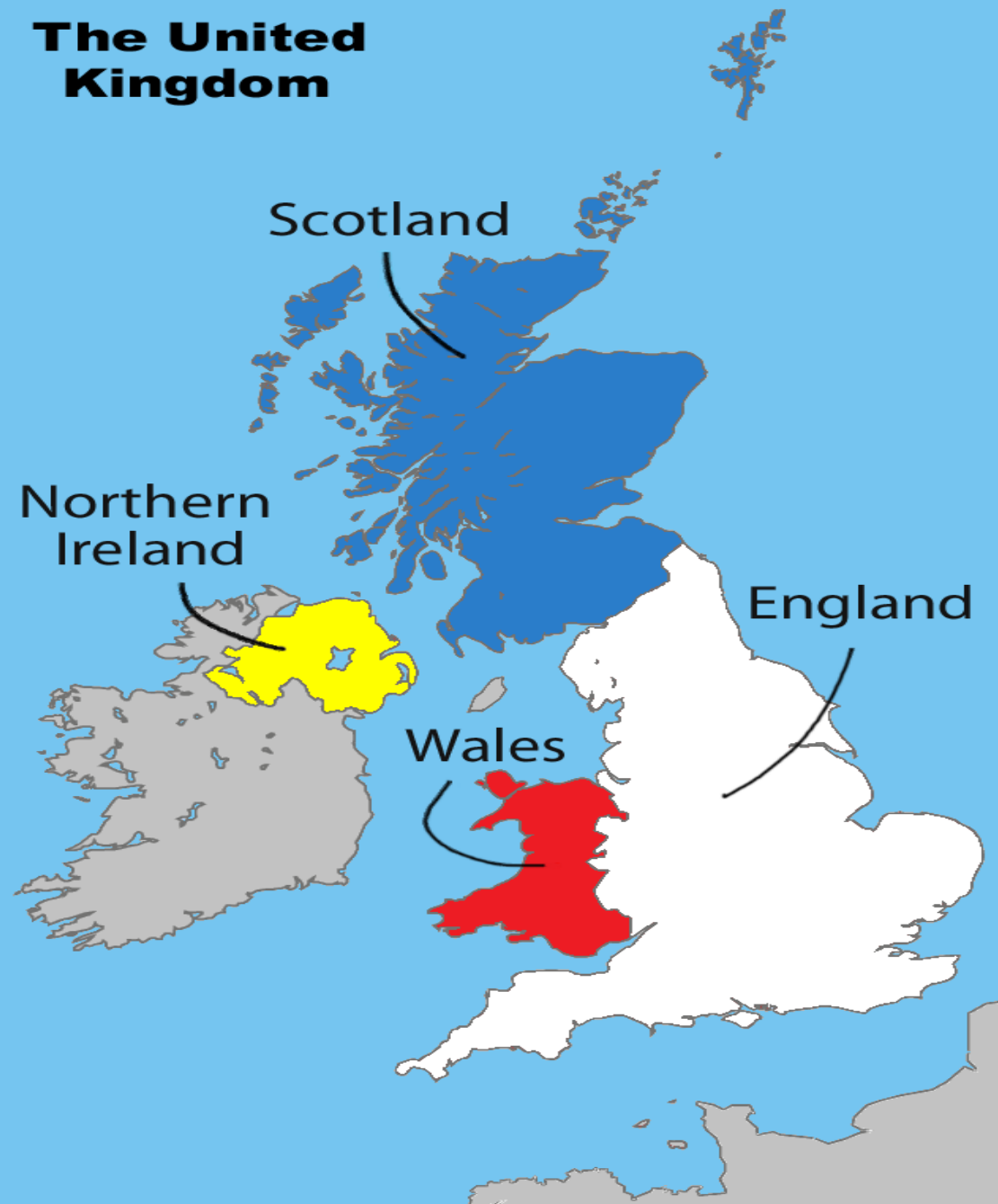


Town

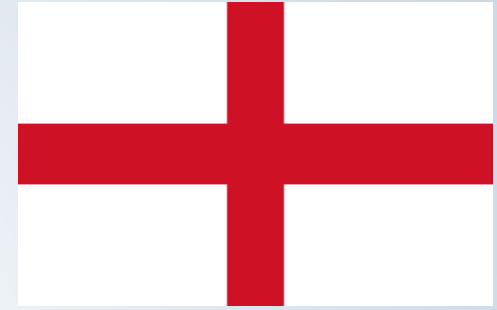


City

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London is the capital city of England.



English flag

This is England, the biggest country in the United Kingdom. Its capital city is London.

This is the Tower of London, home of the Crown Jewels.



Houses of Parliament.



Tower of London.

The north of England has many mountains and lakes, like Lake Windermere, the largest lake in England.



Cardiff is the capital city of Wales.

Cardiff



Welsh flag

Here's Cardiff railway station. It was built to handle all the trains coming in and out of the city.

Snowdonia national park



Conwy castle in Wales

This is Mount Snowdon, Wales's highest mountain.

Belfast is the capital city of Northern Ireland.



Belfast City Hall.



Northern Ireland flag.



Giants Causeway

This is the Giant's Causeway. Legend says it was built by a giant who wanted a shortcut between Northern Ireland and Scotland, but really it was formed when the lava from a volcano cooled and formed these columns.

This is the Titanic Museum, which tells the story of the famous ship.



Edinburgh is the capital city of Scotland.

Scotland has lots of lakes. They call them lochs. The most famous is Loch Ness. Legend says it's home to the Loch Ness monster.



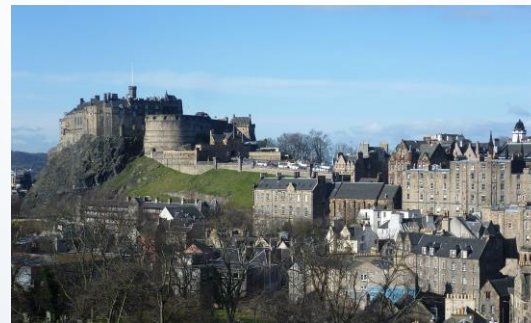
Edinburgh's Old Town.



Scotland's flag



Loch Ness



Edinburgh castle



Loch Ness monster

Label the capital cities in the 4 countries of the United Kingdom.

B _____ is the capital of Northern Ireland.

E _____ is the capital of Scotland.

C _____ is the capital of Wales.

L _____ is the capital of England.





Quiz

(tick the correct box)

➤ What is the capital of England?

- Birmingham
- Manchester
- London

➤ What is the highest mountain in Wales called?

- Cardiff
- Everest
- Snowdon

➤ Where is the *Giants causeway*?

- Northern Ireland
- Wales
- London

➤ What is the capital of Northern Ireland?

- Scotland
- Belfast
- Manchester

➤ What does the word 'loch' mean?

- Field
- Lake
- Ocean