



# Can you survive in the UK?

You're coming to the UK. It will be fun! Are you ready for the culture shock? Take our test to find out.

**1** You're coming to the UK in August. Which of these will you probably need?

- a) an umbrella    b) sun cream    c) a thick jumper

**2** You're travelling on the tube. Where are you?

- a) on the road    b) on the river    c) under the ground

**3** You're about to cross a busy road.

Which way will you look for traffic first?

- a) left    b) right

**4** You're staying with a family. They live in a semi-detached house. Which of these is it?



**5** In the house, you meet an adult for the first time. What do you say?

- a) 'Pleased to meet you!'    b) 'Are you?'    c) 'Can I help you?'

**6** You're holding a Cornish pasty. What will you do with it?

- a) throw it    b) read it    c) eat it

**7** Your host family offers you a cup of tea. What will the tea probably be like?

- a) black    b) with milk    c) with lemon

**8** You're eating a ham, eggs and a sausage. Which meal are you probably eating?

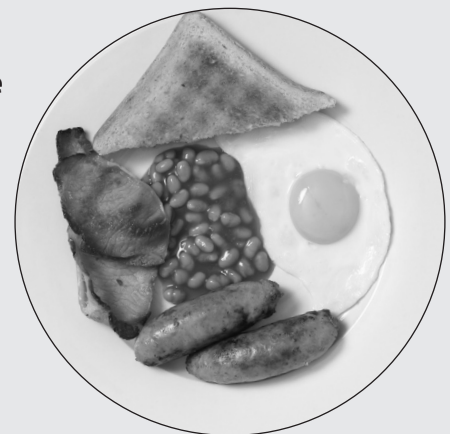
- a) breakfast    b) lunch    c) dinner

**9** You're spending a week in a secondary school. You arrive on your first day. What are the pupils probably wearing?

- a) a uniform    b) their own clothes

**10** You're standing on the pier eating an ice cream. Where are you?

- a) at the seaside    b) in the countryside    c) in the middle of the city



11 You walk into someone in the street by accident. What do you say?

- a) 'Hello!' b) 'What?' c) 'Sorry!'

12 You're buying some trainers and you look at the price tag. Which of these do you see?



13 What are Oxford and Cambridge famous for?

- a) music bands b) universities c) football teams

14 Which of these is not a very popular sport in Britain?

- a) basketball b) football c) cricket

15 You see several men wearing skirts, called kilts. Where are you?

- a) Wales b) Northern Ireland c) Scotland

16 It's November the 5th. What will you see in the sky?

- a) hot air balloons b) fireworks c) an 'old' clever truck

17 You are in Cardiff and you see this sign below. It means 'police'. What language is it?

- a) Polish b) Bengali c) Welsh



18 You want to buy a pint of beer in a pub. How old must you be?

- a) sixteen b) seventeen c) eighteen

19 You need emergency help from the police. What number do you call?

- a) 333 b) 666 c) 999

20 It's time to go home. You are at Pancras Eurostar station. The departures board says your train is delayed. Tell all your family at home. What do you tell them?

- a) The train is running late. b) The train is leaving late. c) The train is on time.

Check your answers and add up your scores.

1-5: Not bad! But try and find out more about the UK before your visit!

6-13: Good! You're not going to find many surprises.

14-20: Amazing! You've been to the UK before!



# A map of the UK

**1** These countries are in the British Isles. Which one of them is not part of the UK?

- a) England   b) Northern Ireland   c) Republic of Ireland   d) Scotland   e) Wales

**2** Read and check your answers.

## What's in a name?

**The British Isles:** This is a geographical term describing the islands of Great Britain, Ireland and the small islands around, like the Isle of Man, the Isle of Wight, Shetland and Orkney.

**Ireland:** The island of Ireland is divided into Northern Ireland, which is part of the UK, and the Republic of Ireland, which is independent. The Republic of Ireland is part of the European Union and uses the Euro.

**Great Britain:** This is the largest island of the British Isles and contains England, Scotland and Wales. Don't call Britain 'England'! Only use the term 'English' if you are talking about people from England or their language. If you want to talk about people from Scotland or Wales, use 'Scottish' or 'Welsh' or 'British'.

**United Kingdom (UK):** This is a political term that includes England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

**3** True (T) or False (F)? Circle the answers.

- a) Shetland is a small island.  T /  F
- b) There are four countries in the United Kingdom.  T /  F
- c) Britain and England are the same thing.  T /  F
- d) You can call Scots and Welsh people 'English'.  T /  F
- e) There are two separate countries on the island of Ireland.  T /  F



## British names

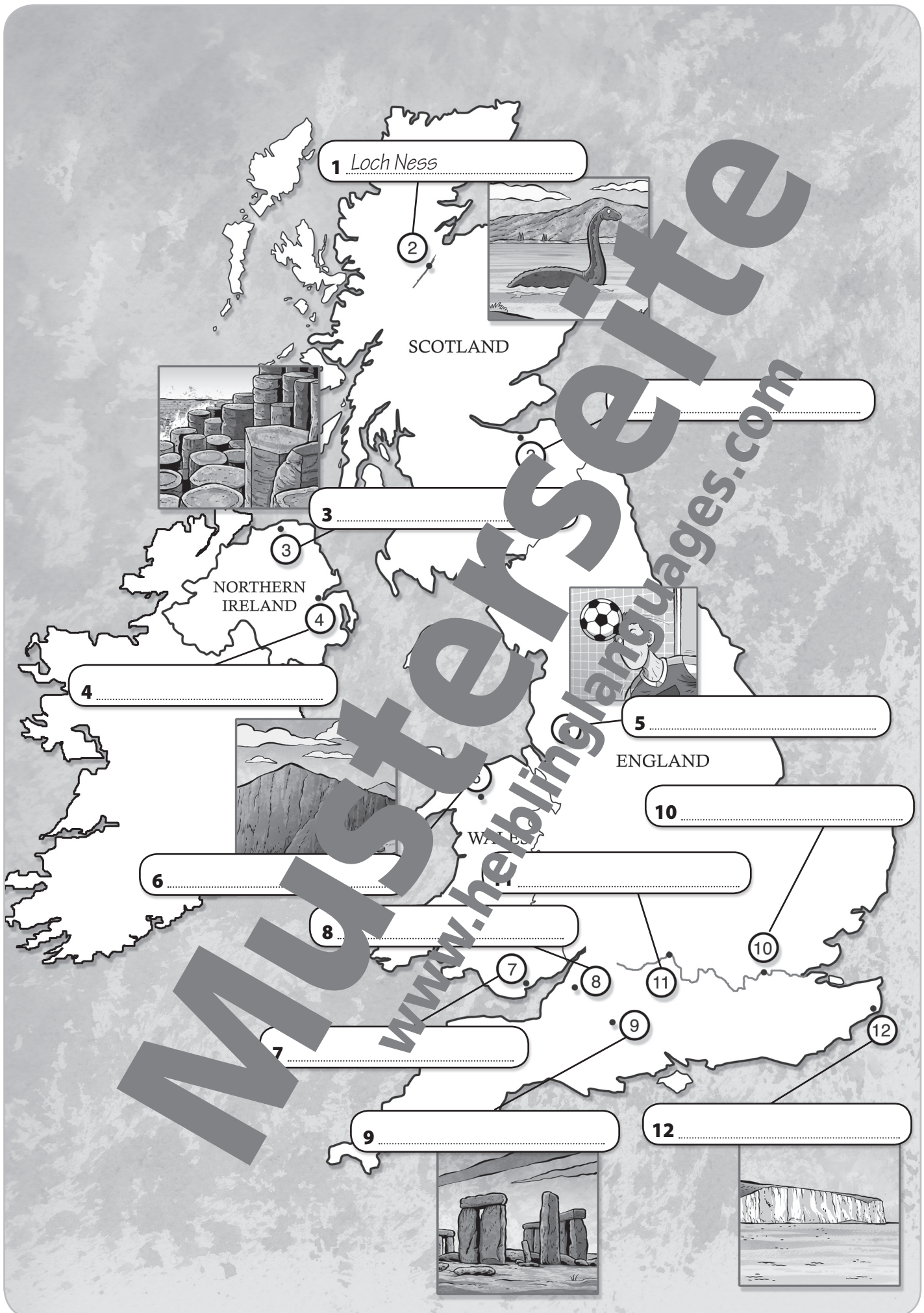
Names go in. A lot of royal names like William, Harry and George are often popular for boys. The most common surnames in Britain are Smith, Jones, Williams, Patel and Campbell.

**4** What is the most common surname in your country? .....

**5** Test your geography. Label the map of the British Isles with these places.

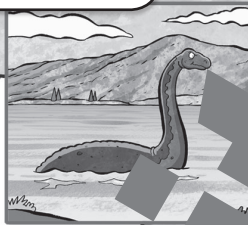
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White Cliffs of Dover	Stonehenge	Giant's Causeway	River Thames	
Mount Snowdon	Loch Ness	Manchester (home of Manchester United)		



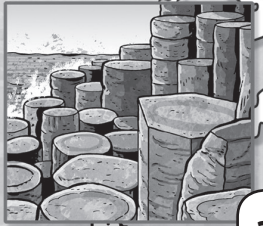


1 Loch Ness

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SCOTLAND



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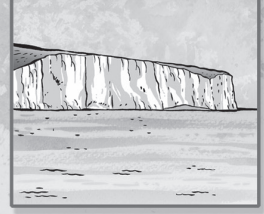
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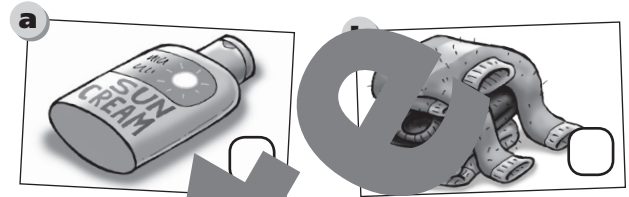
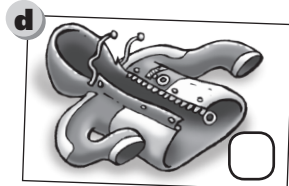
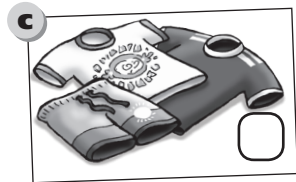




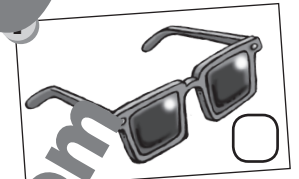
# The weather

**1** You are coming to the UK in May. Here are some things you might put in your suitcase. Label the pictures with the words in the box. Then tick the things that you think you will need.

wellington boots(wellies) jumpers  
 sun-cream T-shirts and shorts  
 sunglasses raincoat



sun cream



**2** Read about the seasons.

## SPRING March–May

Spring is often warm and sunny. The country turns green as new leaves appear on the hedges and trees. Temperature in Brighton on the south coast are between 9°C and 16°C in May. In Edinburgh in Scotland they are between 7°C and 14°C.



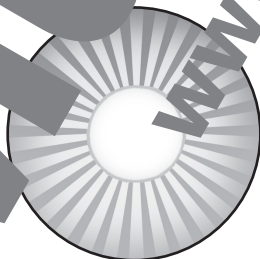
## AUTUMN September–November

The UK's broad-leaved trees turn gold, red and yellow in autumn. Sometimes there is a mist in the morning, especially in the countryside. It's usually mild in the daytime, but it can be freezing at night. If you are going out on an autumn evening, take a coat.



## SUMMER June–August

The UK's best weather is in June, when teenagers are taking gap years. August is the main month for the school holidays. Summer is usually sunny and it's disappearing. It's disappearing with lots of hot days. In some years are very hot. The weather turns hot.



## WINTER December–February

Every year, British people send each other millions of Christmas cards, often with pictures of snow. But snow has covered the UK at Christmas only a few times in the last fifty years! The UK gets an average of thirty-three days of snow a year, with the most snow falling in Scotland.



**3** Work in pairs.

**Student A** Choose a season to visit the UK. Tell your partner when, where and why you are going, for example: *I'm going to Scotland in January, because I want to see some snow.*

**Student B** Think of three things your partner should take to the UK, for example: *It'll be very cold! Take a big coat, a warm hat and some thick gloves.*



- 4  Look at the weather map for today. Now listen to yesterday's weather forecast for today. Tick the parts of the forecast which were correct. Put a cross by the parts which were wrong.



- 5 People in the UK often talk about the weather. What do these expressions mean? Tick the correct answers.

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| a) 'It's tipping down.'          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It's raining very hard. | <input type="checkbox"/> The wind is very strong. |
| b) 'What a lovely day.'          | <input type="checkbox"/> The weather is good.               | <input type="checkbox"/> The weather is bad.      |
| c) 'This wind is so cold.'       | <input type="checkbox"/> The wind is very warm.             | <input type="checkbox"/> The wind is very cold.   |
| d) 'It's very muggy today.'      | <input type="checkbox"/> It's warm and humid.               | <input type="checkbox"/> It's warm and dry.       |
| e) 'It's starting to drizzle.'   | <input type="checkbox"/> It's starting to rain lightly.     | <input type="checkbox"/> It's starting to snow.   |
| f) 'It's raining cats and dogs.' | <input type="checkbox"/> Animals are falling from the sky.  | <input type="checkbox"/> It's raining very hard.  |

- 6 Write a weather forecast for tomorrow's weather in the area where you live.

Example: *Tomorrow it will be sunny. It will be hot in the morning and very hot at lunchtime. It will be cooler in the early evening.*