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## A boarding school



### A different school

Hello! My name's Mason. I'm 12. I'm from California, in the United States. My school is different – it's a **boarding school**. It's my school, but it's also my home.

I'm at the school from Monday to Friday. I'm at home with my parents at the weekend.

I'm very happy at my school. Honest! It's great fun!



## The school campus

### Cafeteria

Lunch and dinner are in the cafeteria. It's a big room with big tables. The food is ... OK 😊.

### Library

There's a great library with books and big desks in it. Our English lessons are in the library.

### Laboratory

The science laboratory is great. Science is my favourite subject. Science experiments are fun!

### Dormitory

At night, my bedroom is a big dormitory. There are beds for seven other students. We're good friends now!



lessons in the library



science experiments

### GLOSSARY

boarding school	<i>collegio</i>	laboratory	<i>laboratorio</i>
cafeteria	<i>mensa</i>	dormitory	<i>dormitorio</i>
library	<i>biblioteca</i>		

### EVERYDAY ENGLISH

**Honest!** *Davvero!*

## A boarding school



### A different school



Hello! My name's Mason and I'm 12. I'm from California, in the United States. My school is different from most schools because it's a **boarding school**. It's my school, but it's also my home. Why? My parents are actors, so they're often busy with work, and sometimes they travel all over the world! I'm at the school from Monday to Friday, and I'm at home with my parents at the weekend. I'm very happy at my school, and I'm never bored. Honest! It's great fun!

### The school campus

#### Cafeteria

Lunch and dinner are in the cafeteria. It's a big room with really long tables for all the students. The food is OK, but I prefer the food I get at home!

#### Laboratory

The science laboratory is great. Science is my favourite subject because the lessons are always interesting. Science experiments are fun!

#### Library

The library is very cool with **lots of** books, big desks and really **comfortable** chairs. I like choosing a new book every week. Our English lessons are in the library.

#### Dormitory

My lessons are in the morning and the afternoon. At night, I **share** a big dormitory with seven other students. We're good friends now!

#### GLOSSARY

boarding school	<i>collegio</i>	lots of	<i>molti</i>
cafeteria	<i>mensa</i>	comfortable	<i>comode</i>
library	<i>biblioteca</i>	share	<i>condivido</i>

#### EVERYDAY ENGLISH

**Honest!** *Davvero!*



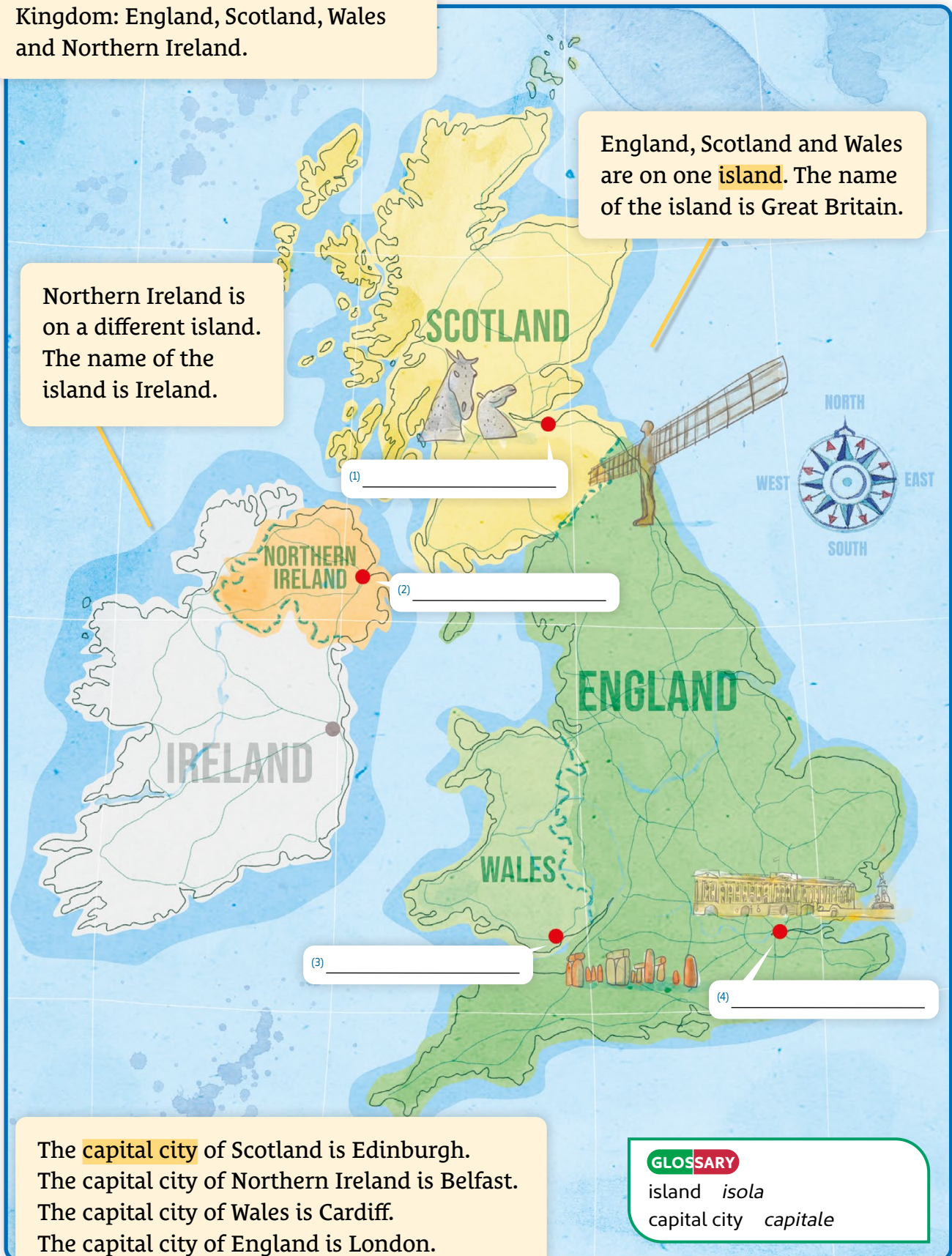
## Life in the UK



There are four countries in the United Kingdom: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

England, Scotland and Wales are on one **island**. The name of the island is Great Britain.

Northern Ireland is on a different island. The name of the island is Ireland.



The **capital city** of Scotland is Edinburgh.  
The capital city of Northern Ireland is Belfast.  
The capital city of Wales is Cardiff.  
The capital city of England is London.

### GLOSSARY

island *isola*  
capital city *capitale*

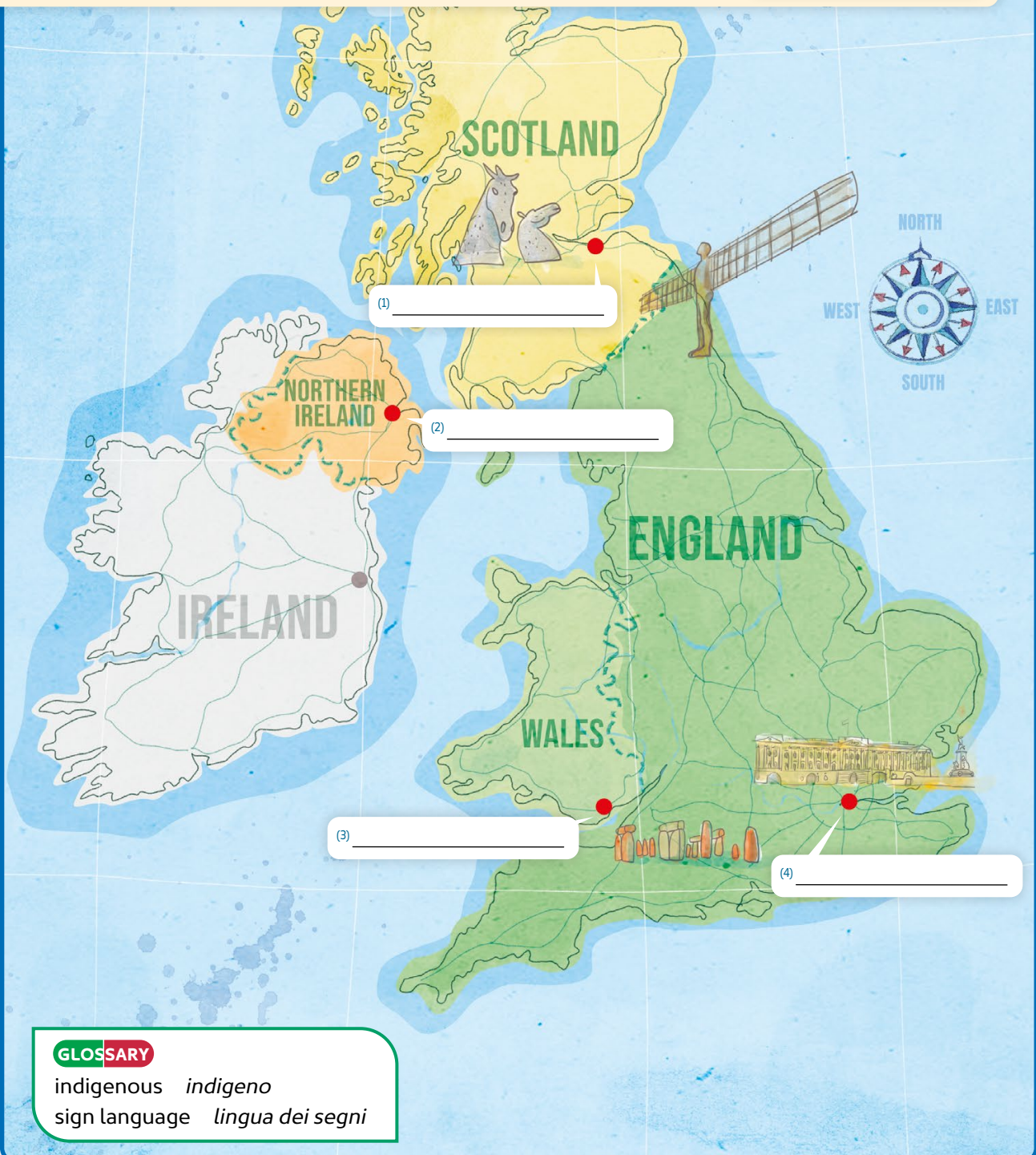
## Life in the UK



In the United Kingdom, there are four different countries. They are England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. England, Scotland and Wales are all on the bigger island. It is called Great Britain. Northern Ireland is in the north-east of a smaller island called Ireland.

In each country, there is a capital city. The capital of England is London. In Scotland, the capital is Edinburgh. The capital of Wales is Cardiff. The capital of Northern Ireland is Belfast.

People speak English all over the UK, but it is not the only **indigenous** language. The others are: Welsh (in Wales), Gaelic and Scots (in Scotland), Irish and Ulster Scots (in Northern Ireland), Cornish (in Cornwall, England) and British **Sign Language** (BSL).



### GLOSSARY

indigenous *indigeno*

sign language *lingua dei segni*



AUDIO

## Food diaries



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My big brother **THE COOK**

1 Monday morning. Martha and James are alone at home. Their mum and dad are away.



2 I can cook for you, Martha. I'm an excellent cook!



3 James makes muesli for breakfast.



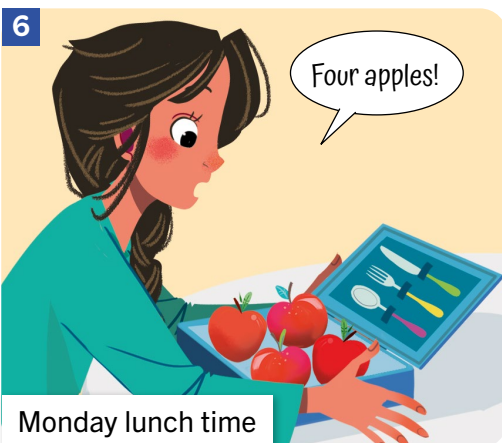
4 I don't like it very much. But with lots of milk, it's OK.



5 Then James puts four apples in Martha's lunch box.

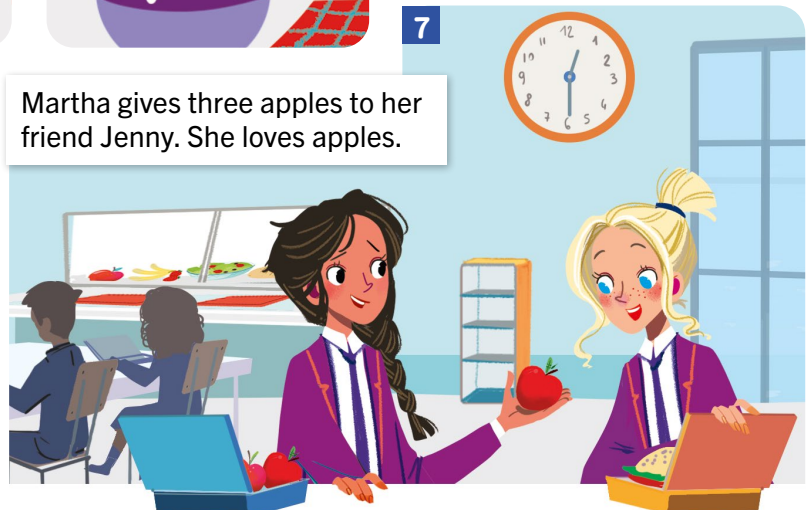


6 Four apples!



Monday lunch time

7 Martha gives three apples to her friend Jenny. She loves apples.



8 Monday evening at home



9 Tuesday morning



10 Tuesday lunch time



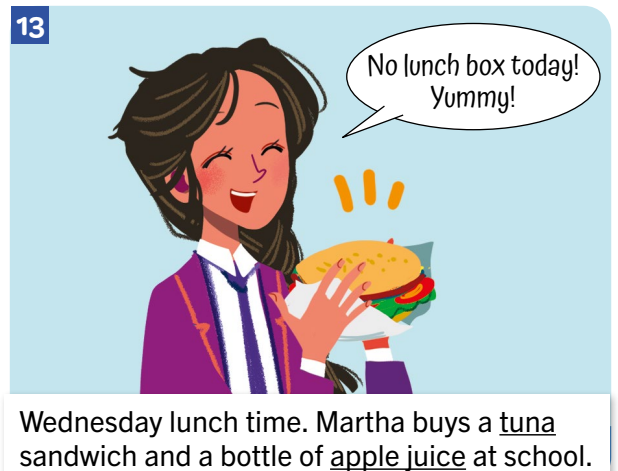
11 Tuesday dinner time



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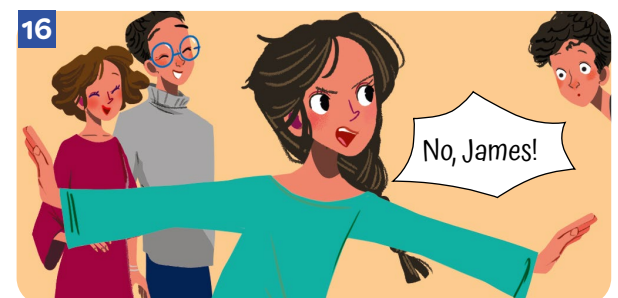
14 Wednesday afternoon. Mum and Dad are home.



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## Food diaries

## My big brother – THE CHEF

## MONDAY

Mum and Dad are away for a couple of days. My brother James is the chef. "I can cook for you, Martha," he says. "I'm an excellent cook and I love to experiment with food, so I can try out some marvellous **recipes** on you!"

In the morning, when I get up, he puts muesli on the table in front of me. It isn't very good, but with lots of milk, it tastes just about OK. Then he puts four apples in my lunch box. That's all! "Very healthy," he says.

I have lunch at school at 12.30. In the afternoon, I eat one apple and I give three apples to my friend Jenny, who adores them.

In the evening, when I get home, he cooks strawberry **jam** and **eggs**. "Jam and eggs?!" I say. I'm amazed! "It's an interesting experiment," he replies. "Try it." I try it. It's not for me! I'm not crazy. I go to bed a bit hungry on Monday.

## TUESDAY

It's muesli again in the morning. And for my lunch box, James gives me a sandwich with **crisps** in it, cheese and onion crisps. "Try it," he says. "It's my favourite kind of sandwich. I always eat it."

I think it tastes absolutely disgusting – I'm not keen on cheese and onion crisps and I really can't stand them in sandwiches! But I'm hungry, so I eat it.

Later, for dinner, we have **sausages** in milk. "What?" I say. James says, "Milk is healthy, it's full of calcium, which is good for your bones." "But not with sausages," I say. "Why not? It's a fascinating experiment," he says. After dinner, I do my homework, and then I send a text to our parents: *Mum! Dad! Where are you?*

## GLOSSARY

recipes *ricette*

**WEDNESDAY**

We have muesli in the morning for breakfast again! I go to school, but I haven't got my lunch box. I forgot it. At lunch time, I remember – no lunch box. So, I buy a tuna sandwich and a bottle of apple juice at school. I have a great lunch. Then, in the afternoon, Mum and Dad are back. Hooray! "Let's have a Chinese takeaway tonight!" Dad suggests. "Good idea!" Mum and I shout happily. "But I want to make a jam and tuna pizza," my brother says. "I like experimenting." "No way, James!" we all shout.

**EVERYDAY ENGLISH**

**I'm amazed!** *Sono stupita!*

**It's not for me!** *Non fa per me!*