

## The four countries of the UK

### 1 New words for this article

*Nouveaux mots pour cet article*

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|---|------------|---|
| 1 | capital    | the central city of a country                   |
| 2 | Latin      | the language of the Romans, from Italy          |
| 3 | similar to | almost the same as                              |
| 4 | ancient    | very old  |
| 5 | castle     | a very old building, made to keep the city safe |

### 2 Comprehension Questions

*Questions de compréhension en lecture*

- Where is the capital of Wales?
- Which ship was built in Belfast?
- What can you do in the mountains of Scotland?
- Where did the English come from?
- How many people live in Scotland?

### 3 Speaking activities - Activités orales

*Pratiquez vos compétences orales - répétez ces phrases.*

- The United Kingdom, also called the UK, is a big country of 66 million people.
- The UK is really four different countries – England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- People also use the name 'Britain' or 'Great Britain' – but this does not include Northern Ireland.
- Britain is the name we use for England, Wales and Scotland.
- United Kingdom is the name we use for England, Wales and Scotland and Northern Ireland as well.

### 4 Speaking activities - Activités orales

*Exercez-vous à parler - répondez à ces questions en anglais:*

- Which is the smallest country in the UK?
- What is the capital of Scotland?
- Who came to England 2000 years ago?
- What is the Scottish language called?

### 5 Match the sentences (A-D) and (E-H) – *Faire correspondre les phrases (A-D) et (E-H).*

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|---|--|
| A | Wales is a small country                     |
| B | There is an independent parliament for Wales |
| C | Wales has its own language and culture       |
| D | Wales has beautiful countryside              |
| E | It is in the capital city, Cardiff           |
| F | with many ancient castles to visit.          |
| G | with about 3 million people.                 |
| H | Welsh is a very old language                 |

### 6 True or False? - Vrai ou Faux?

- Northern Ireland is a small country with about 5 million people.
- The capital city is Belfast
- There is an independent parliament for Northern Ireland
- The ship Titanic was built in Dublin.

### 7 Fill in the gap - Remplir le vide

Scotland is a small ...1... with about 5.5 million people.  
The capital city is Edinburgh. There is an independent ...2... for Scotland, in Edinburgh.  
Scotland has its own ...3... and culture. The Scottish language is called Gaelic – people ...4... this language in Scotland 2000 years ago. Scotland has the ...5... mountains in the UK, where you can go skiing, and a lot of very beautiful countryside to visit.

## Answers –

### 2 Comprehension questions

*Questions de compréhension en lecture*

- 1 Cardiff is the capital
- 2 The titanic was built in Belfast
- 3 You can go skiing in Scotland
- 4 The English come from Europe
- 5 About 5.5 million people live in Scotland

### 4 Speaking activities - Activités orales

Exercez-vous à parler - répondez à ces questions en anglais:

- 1 Northern Ireland
- 2 Edinburgh
- 3 The Romans
- 4 Gaelic

### 5 Match the sentences (A-D) and (E-H) –

*Faire correspondre les phrases (A-D) et (E-H).*

A=G  
B=E  
C=H  
D=F

### 6 True or False? - Vrai ou Faux?

- 1 False
- 2 True
- 3 True
- 4 False

### 7 Fill in the gap – Remplir le vide

- 1 country
- 2 parliament
- 3 language
- 4 spoke
- 5 biggest