

## United Kingdom Facts for Kids

- **Population:** about 66 million people live in the United Kingdom (2020)
- **Capital:** London with 9 million inhabitants
- **Name:** United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
  
- **Language:** English
- **Religion:** mainly Christians 60%
- **Currency:** 1 British Pound (GBP) = 100 penny
  
- **National Anthem:** 'God Save the Queen'
- **National Holiday:** none, however, the Queen's official birthday is a celebrated public holiday on the second Saturday in June.
- **National Symbol:** Lion (national animal), Union Jack (national flag) and the national colours: blue, white and red

## Quick UK Facts | UK Geography

- The United Kingdom is a country in northwestern Europe.
- The UK consists of four countries: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- The UK is located mainly on two large islands in the Atlantic Ocean.



## Facts about the UK

- The **largest country of the UK is England**. The smallest country is Northern Ireland.
- The UK has the **third longest coastline** in Europe with 12 430 km/ 7 723 miles - after Norway and Denmark (Greenland)
- The United Kingdom's **highest mountain** is Ben Nevis in Scotland with 1 345 m/4 412 ft.



*Ben Nevis highest mountain of the UK*



*Bridge over the Severn river linking England with Wales*

- The **largest lake** in the UK is Lough Neagh in Northern Ireland.
- Loch Ness is the **largest fresh water lake** (by volume) in the UK.
- The **longest river** in the UK is the river Severn with 354 km/ 220 miles.

## UK Facts | UK Landmarks

- **London:** The capital city has many attractions. London's Shard skyscraper is the tallest building on the European continent with 310 m/1,015 ft. in height.



*London at the River Thames and the Shard skyscraper*

- **Edinburgh:** The capital city of Scotland is known for its castle and the Royal mile.



*Edinburgh Castle*

- **Stonehenge** is known as the oldest monument in the world dating back over 3 000 years



*Stonehenge*



- **Cardiff:** The capital city of Wales is often referred to as the 'City of Arcades'. Cardiff has the most indoor shopping centres in the UK.



*Cardiff in Wales*

- **Loch Ness:** Scotland might be known as the country of the Loch Ness monster, however, no proof could ever be obtained about Nessie. The Loch Ness monster is commonly known as Nessie. Did you know that 'loch' is Scottish and means 'lake'?



*Urquhart Castle at Loch Ness*