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United Kingdom Close-Up

Fact File

Area: 94,251 square miles
Capital: London
Main language: English
Main religion: Protestant
Currency: pound sterling
Government: Parliamentary monarchy

Sorting out the terms

The United Kingdom consists of Great Britain plus Northern Ireland.

Great Britain consists of England, Scotland, and Wales.

The British Isles are a geographic reference, specifically referring to the United Kingdom, Ireland, and adjacent islands.

Some people are confused by these terms, but now you know which is which!

Geography

Located off the northwest coast of Europe, across the English Channel, the Strait of Dover and the North Sea. Consists of lowlands, rolling lands, and granite highlands.

Climate and Vegetation

The British Isles have a milder climate than northern Europe because of the Gulf Stream and ample rainfall. Crops include grains, sugar beets, and vegetables.

Map-It

On your outline map complete the following:

Color England yellow, Scotland purple, Wales brown, and Northern Ireland orange.
Color the Republic of Ireland green. (Think shamrocks!)

Label the following:

Put an *E.C.* by the English Channel.

Write in Irish Sea.

Write in North Sea.

Put an *O* by the Orkney Islands.

Put an *H* by the Hebrides Islands.

Put an *XXX* on the Grampian Mountains in Scotland.

Put a star by London.

Draw in the Thames (pronounced *Tims*) River.

Put a circle around Edinburgh.

Put a triangle by Belfast.

Put a *D* on Dublin.



Uncle Josh's Outline Map of
British Isles



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