

イギリスの文化や環境

The United Kingdom **Our culture and environment**

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**Can you name the four nations of
the United Kingdom?**



How many cities can you name?

... and one more



Which nation?



Scotland



Key facts

	Scotland	Hokkaido
Population	5.3 million	5.5 million
Area	78,387km ²	83,454km ²
GDP per capita	GBP 23,300 (2014)	GBP 20,700 (2007)
Capital	Edinburgh (500,000)	Sapporo (2 million)
Main exports	Whisky, electronics, textiles, aquaculture	Paper, beer, agriculture, aquaculture
Official languages	English, Scottish Gaelic and Scots	Japanese (some protection for Ainu languages)

A proud nation...



The Orkney and Shetland Islands – with UNESCO World Heritage status Neolithic archaeological sites

The Highlands and Islands – home to the world's most famous whisky and Gaelic-speaking communities

Aberdeen – a European oil capital and one of the UK's wealthiest cities

Glasgow – Scotland's biggest city, an industrial powerhouse, which became wealthy through shipbuilding

Edinburgh – the capital, world famous for its Castle and Fringe Festival

... but a viable independent state?

Yes Scotland

- ✓ **Strong in tourism** – worth GBP 4 Billion per year
- ✓ **Oil resources** – estimated 15 billion barrels available in the North Sea
- ✓ **Natural resources** – wind, water, woodlands (1,385,000 hectares), coastline (11,800km)
- ✓ **Strong national identity** – the Gaelic language is still spoken by around 60,000 people and Scots by many more
- ✓ **The UK is an out-of-date concept** – a smaller state can do well within the European Union

No – Better Together

- **Weak economy overall** – average Scot pays GBP 8200 per year in tax, but receives GBP 11000 in public spending (controversial!)
- **Too small to compete internationally** – population only 5.3 million, slightly larger than Norway but much poorer
- **Poor health and education levels** – life expectancy in Glasgow is 71, 7 years below the UK average of 78
- **The UK is still one of the world's most respected countries** – difficult to 'start from scratch'

Are we a "United" Kingdom?



What makes us "United"?

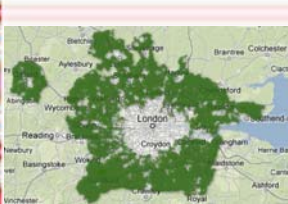


... but not everyone agrees...

The Greenbelt Debate

London has some of the world's most expensive housing...

...but there is plenty of land to build on



Should London keep building?

Yes

- ✓ There are not enough homes in London and it is one of the fastest growing cities in the world – the city must expand
- ✓ If you stop London from expanding, people will just live in other cities and commute to London by car or train, using even more fuel and creating even more CO2
- ✓ The greenbelt creates inequality between rich and poor
- ✓ Most of the greenbelt is private non-organic farms, not public parks

No

- London does not need to grow anymore – instead, we need to grow other cities
- If building on the greenbelt is allowed, we lose that natural land forever
- A lot of greenbelt is farmland – the UK is not producing enough food and needs to maximise its farmland
- It is unhealthy to be surrounded by 'the concrete jungle' – humans need green spaces

And finally...



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QUIZ!**



Question 1

Name the four countries of the United Kingdom!

Bonus point: Name the 5th nation!
(Clue: my home region)

Question 2

Name the largest city in Scotland
(Clue: NOT the capital!)

Bonus point: Name any other region of Scotland

Question 3

Name one reason for the independence of Scotland, and one reason against

Bonus point: Name the campaign groups for and against the independence of Scotland

Question 4

Name two examples of recent mass protests / demonstrations in the UK

Bonus point: Who is St Piran?

Question 5

Name an example of a British institution that aims to make us a 'United' Kingdom (not the Royal Family)

Bonus point: Name 5 members of the Royal Family!

Question 6

Name one reason for building on the London Greenbelt, and one reason against

Bonus point: Name a town in the London Greenbelt (not London!)

Thank you for coming :)

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