

Destination UK – Northern Ireland**Task 1 – GB, UK or British Isles? What's what?**

Match questions 1-5 with their answers a-e below.

1) What is the "UK" short for?	a) Wales, Scotland and England
2) Which countries make up Great Britain?	b) The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
3) Which country is part of the UK but not part of Great Britain?	c) Cardiff, Edinburgh, London and Belfast
4) What are the capital cities of the countries that make up the UK?	d) The United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland
5) Which countries make up the British Isles?	e) Northern Ireland

Task 2 – True or false?

- 1) You can drive to Northern Ireland from Scotland.
- 2) The famous ship 'Titanic' was built in Belfast.
- 3) Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland have the same currency.
- 4) Most people in Northern Ireland speak English.
- 5) The capital city of Northern Ireland is Dublin.

Task 3 – Reading task: The UK in focus

Your teacher will give you a text in a group. Read your text, and then in groups, write 2 questions about the text you have read.

Task 4 – Local lingo

Have a look at some of these words and phrases that are specific to Northern Ireland. Then imagine you meet an Irish friend on the street. Write a short dialogue including some of the local language. Read your dialogue to the class.

- Q: How was the craic? A: The craic was mighty!
- Did you have a good time? Yes!
- Greeting: How are yours?
- Even the dogs on the street know it – relating to something that is common and apparently is a Belfast only expression.
- I'll do it now in a minute
- 'bout ye? – How are you?
- foundered – cold
- scundered – embarrassed
- yer man – that man
- grand – good, OK
- wee – little (also used in Scotland)
- aye – yes (again, also used in Scotland)
- boggin' – dirty
- 'mon – come on
- 'mere – come here
- stickin' out – really good

Task 5 – The Ulster Fry

In Northern Ireland they have a special dish known as the Ulster Fry. You can eat it for lunch, supper or breakfast. Have a look at the ingredients:

- Bacon
- Eggs
- Sausage
- Black pudding
- White pudding

- Tomatoes
- Mushrooms
- Soda bread
- Potato bread

All of the ingredients are fried, including the bread, and it is usually accompanied by cups of tea.

- Would you like to try the Ulster fry? Why / why not?
- What did you have for breakfast / lunch this morning?
- What are the typical dishes from your country?

Task 6 – There was an Englishman, an Irishman, a Welshman and a Scotsman...

Many countries make jokes about other nationalities. Who does your country make jokes about? Do you think these types of jokes are funny?

In the UK the different countries often joke about one another. Read the jokes and see if you find them funny, then write two jokes of your own to tell the rest of the group. You can translate the jokes from your own language.

- **Englishman 1: “What was the final score in the football matchi this afternoon?”**
- **Englishman 2: “Nil-nil” (0-0)**
- **Englishman 1: “Oh, and what was the score at half-time?”!!**

- **Announcement at a London airport:**

“Will the passenger who has left their hearing aid at the airline check in desk please come and collect it?”

- **After the famous boat race between Oxford and Cambridge, one of the mothers of the crew was consoling her son**

“Don’t worry son, you were fantastic – you rowed faster than the others in your boat!”

- **Tell an Englishman a joke on Monday and he might laugh on Friday**

- **Write a joke here:**

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