




# UNIT 1

## THE BEGINNING OF UK'S TRADITIONS

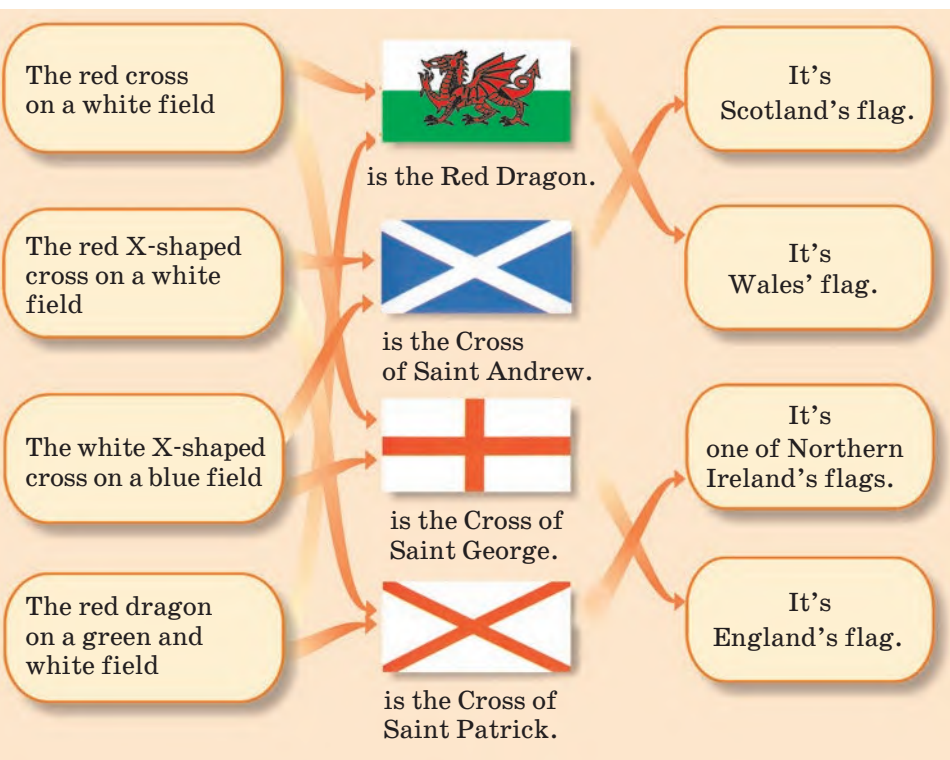
### Lesson 1. What do you remember about the UK?

#### 1. Answer the questions.

1. What's the UK? 2. What's the UK famous for? 3. Where can you find information about the UK?

2.  How well do you know the national symbols of the UK? Play the board game. Start with a country's emblem and come to its national flag.





**3a.** Look through the main page of the website AboutUK.com. What topics does the website cover<sup>1</sup>? What's the topic of this web page? Match the rubrics with the information.

**Model.** 1 – C.

## AboutUK.com



Home	Places to visit	Geography	Games
FAQ <sup>2</sup>	Trivia quizzes <sup>3</sup>	Stories	

1. Official name of the country
2. UK countries
3. Head of state
4. Head of government ['gʌvənmənt]
5. Area ['eəriə]
6. Population of the country
7. Capital and largest city
8. Other large cities and their population
9. Monetary ['mʌni(ə)ri] unit

**A.** 241,930 sq km<sup>4</sup> **B.** Prime Minister Boris Johnson (24 July 2019) **C.** The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland **D.** Queen Elizabeth II (1952) **E.** England,

7,556,900 – seven million five *hundred and* fifty-six thousand nine hundred

<sup>1</sup> **What topics does the website cover?** – Какие темы охватывает этот сайт? <sup>2</sup> **FAQ** – Frequently ['fri:kwəntli] Asked Questions – часто задаваемые вопросы; <sup>3</sup> **trivia quiz** ['triviə,kwiz] – викторина, интеллектуальная игра; <sup>4</sup> **sq km** – square kilometres (also km<sup>2</sup>) – квадратные километры

Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland **F.** London ['lʌndən] – 7,556,900 **G.** Pound sterling (£) **H.** 68,038,710 **I.** Eight out of ten people live in towns and cities: Birmingham ['bɜːmɪŋəm] – 984,333; Liverpool ['lɪvəpuːl] – 864,122; Bristol ['brɪst(ə)l] – 617,280; Glasgow ['glɑːzgəʊ] – 591,620; Edinburgh ['edɪnbərə], the capital of Scotland – 464,990; Leeds [liːdz] – 455,123; Cardiff ['kɑːdɪf], the capital of Wales – 447,287; Manchester ['mæntʃɪstə] – 395,515; Bradford ['brædfəd] – 299,310; Belfast ['belfaːst], the capital of Northern Ireland – 274,770.

**3b.**   Listen and check.

**3c.** Have a phonetic competition. Who can say correctly more proper names and numbers?

**4.** Play trivia quiz.

**A.** In pairs make questions to the rubrics of the website and about the UK's national symbols.

**HELP BOX**

1. What's the official *name* of the country?
2. What **are** the UK *countries*?
3. Who's the *head of state* in the UK?

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**B.** For two minutes read the web page again. In pairs play the first game of trivia quiz: ask and answer your questions in turn.

**C.** Play the second game of trivia quiz between 2 teams.

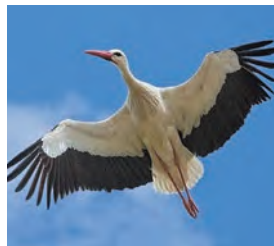
**D.** Play the third game of trivia quiz about Belarus. Ask your teacher different questions. Use the Help box.



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European bison




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the Republic of Belarus, President, Belarusian [ˌbeləˈruːsiən], the national symbols, the population of Belarus (9,408,400 as of 1 January 2020), region, regional [ˈriːdʒənəl] and district cities: **Minsk** – 2,020,600 people; **Borisov** – 140,700; **Soligorsk** – 101,400; **Brest** – 339,700 people; **Baranovich** – 175,000; **Pinsk** – 126,300; **Vitebsk** – 364,800 people; **Novopolotsk** – 98,800; **Orsha** – 108,100; **Gomel** – 510,300 people; **Mozyr** – 105,700; **Zhlobin** – 77,600; **Grodno** – 356,900 people; **Lida** – 102,700; **Slonim** – 50,100; **Mogilev** – 357,100 people; **Bobruisk** – 212,200; **Gorki** – 30,500

5.  Write 10 questions about Belarus for a trivia quiz.

## Lesson 2. UK's geography and traditions

1.  Look at the UK maps on the flyleaf. What kind of maps are they? What do they show? Read the proper names on the map from north to south and from west to east. Use the definite article “the” where necessary.

**NB:** No article is used with proper names on maps.

- 2a. Read the information line on the next web page of the site AboutUK.com. What's the topic? Look through the questions and the first sentences under them. Complete the questions.

Location	seas	borders	islands	interesting facts
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### What is the ... of the UK?

The UK *is situated* on the British Isles [ˈbrɪtɪʃaɪləz]. It lies between the North Atlantic Ocean in the north and west and the North Sea in the east. The UK is 35 kilometres off the north-western coast of France, from which it is **separated** [ˈsepəreɪtɪd] by the English

