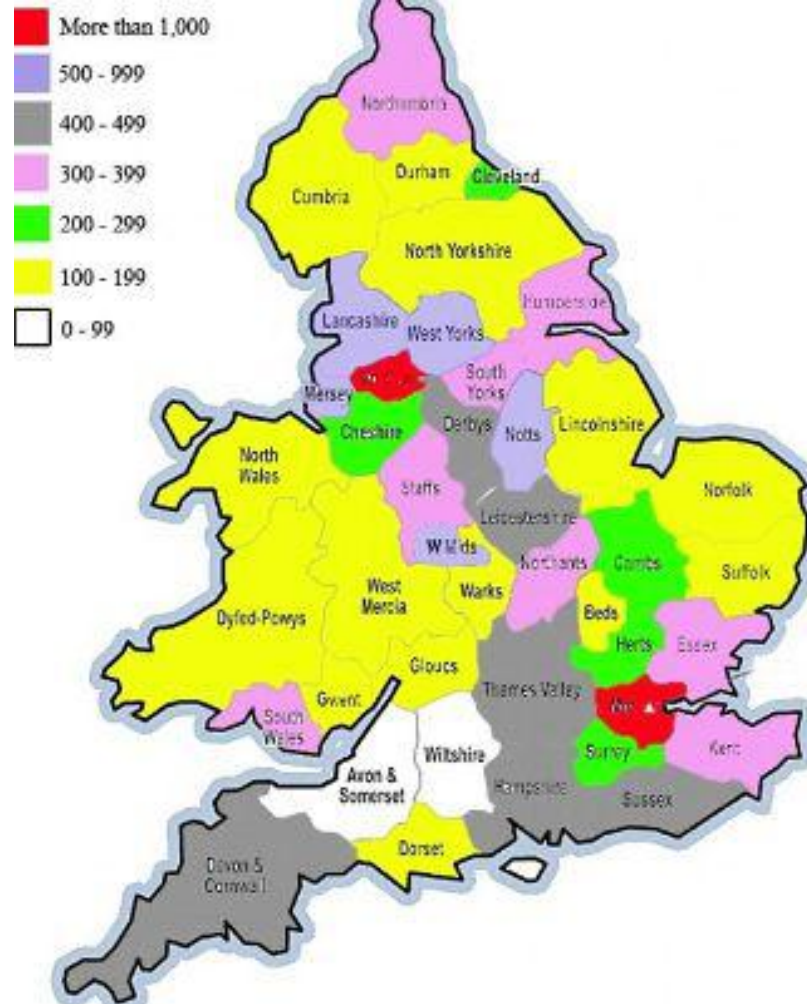


Tower Bridge of London

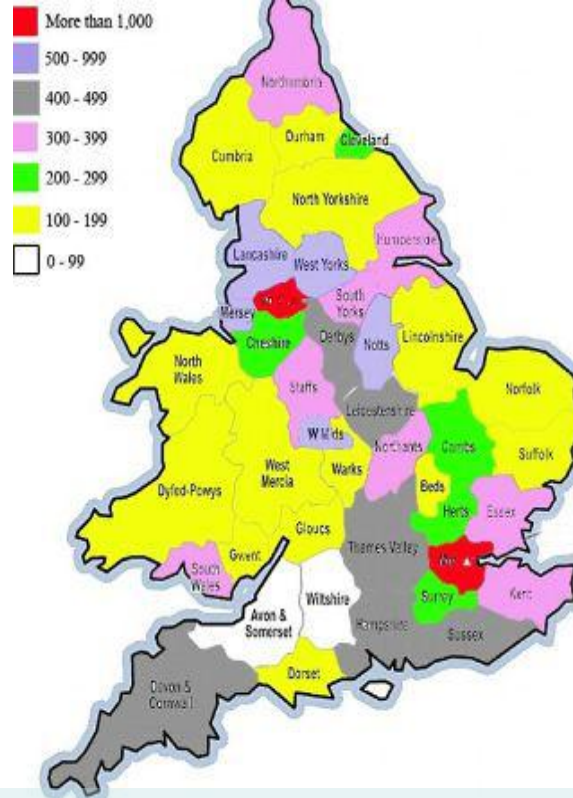
Book 5 Unit 2

The United Kingdom

A brief introduction to the UK



**The United Kingdom is a great country.
It has a long history. It **consists of** Great
Britain and Northern Ireland.**



Great Britain **is made up of** three countries, that is, England, Scotland and Wales. So the United Kingdom **is** actually **composed of** four countries: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.



London is its capital. The 2012 Olympic Games was held in the city.



This is the famous [Heathrow Airport](#). If you want to visit the country, you can go to London by air.



If you leave at 11:15 Beijing time from Beijing airport, you will get to London Heathrow Airport at about 15:10 London time. Beijing is seven hours earlier than London.



This was the Prime Minister of the UK.



And this was the Queen. The queen is the head of state, but it's in name only. The most powerful one is the Prime Minister, who controls everything in the UK.



There are 23 provinces in China. But in England, people don't use the word "province". Instead, they use the word "county". There are more than eighty counties in the UK.



The River Thames is the longest river.



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What do you know about the UK?



1. What are the provinces called in England?

- A. province B. states  counties

2. Who rules the country?

- A. The Queen  The Prime Minister C. both

3. Which is the longest river in England?

-  .River Thames B. River Avon C. River Severn

4. How many countries does the UK consist of? How about Great Britian?

- A. two  . three  four

5. How long does it take to fly from Beijing to London Heathrow Airport?

- A. About 7 hours  About 11 hours C. About 15 hours





Reading

Puzzles in Geography



Geography

1. The UK is surrounded by waters in all sides.
2. On the west of the Great Britain lies the Irish Sea.
3. On the south of England lies the English Channel.
4. On the northeast lies the North Sea.
5. On the northwest is the North Atlantic Ocean.



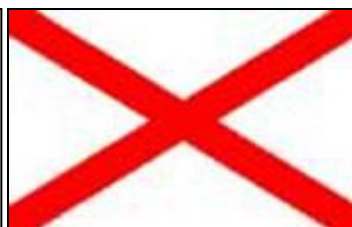
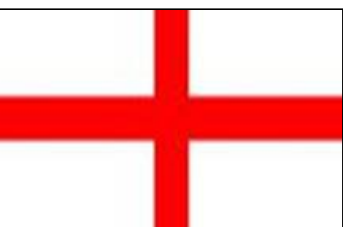


Puzzle 1: England **OR** Great Britain **OR** the United Kingdom?

Puzzle 2: How were the four countries united?

Puzzle 3: Why Wales is left out in the national flag?

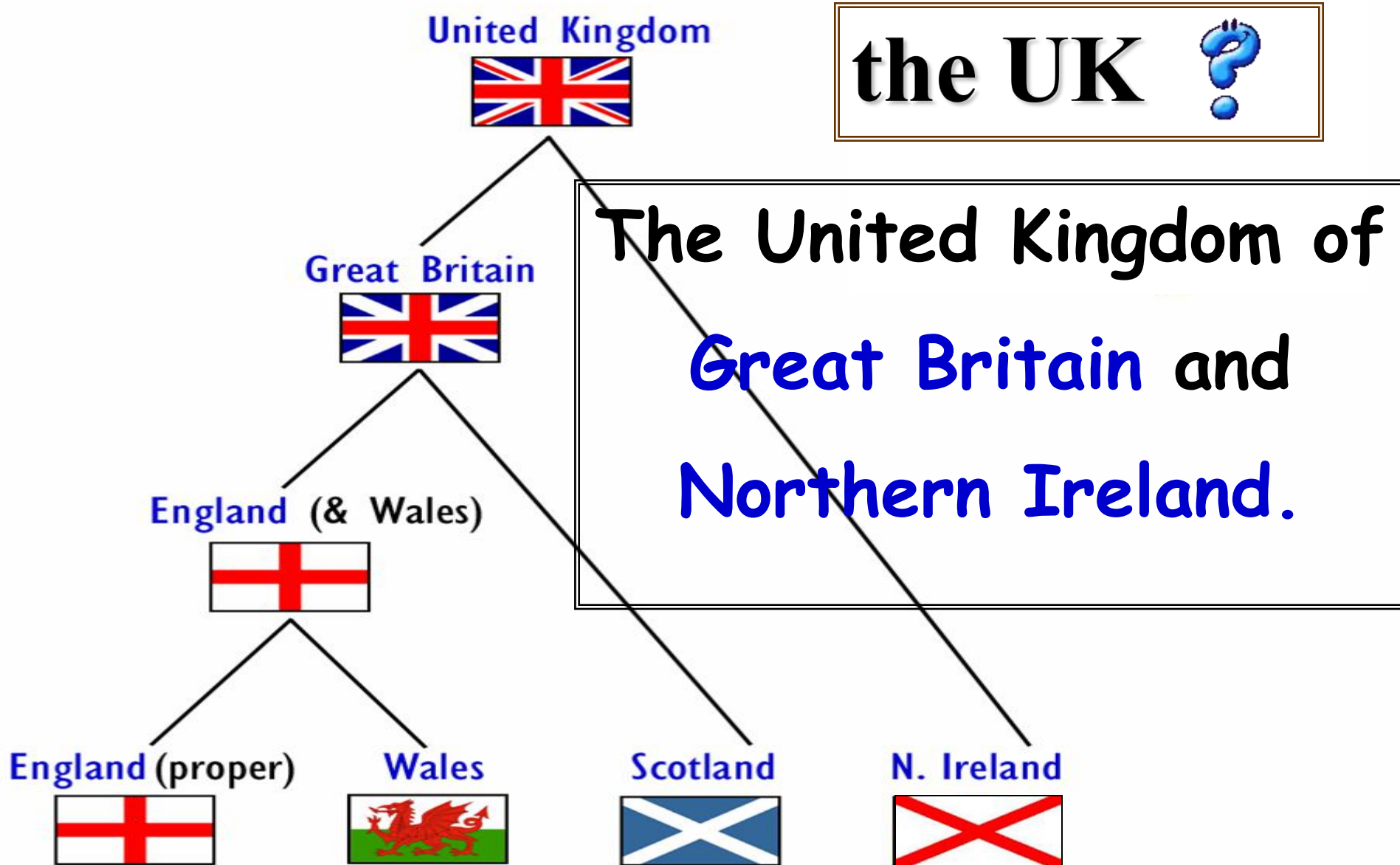
Puzzle 4: What's the ship among the four countries ?

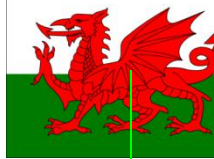


Puzzle 2-3 the **History** of the UK

Time	Countries	Ways	Name
13 th century	Wales+England	was linked to	England
17 th century	Wales+England +Scotland	were joined to without conflict	Great Britain
20 th century	Wales+England+ Scotland +Ireland	tried to form...by getting...connect ed	the UK
	southern Ireland	broke away	

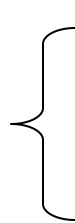
This was shown to the world in a new flag called ***the Union Jack***.





Puzzle 4 The relationship among the four countries

Work together



currency

international relations

Have different institutions

educational and legal systems

football teams





Puzzle5 England is divided into 3 zones.

Puzzle6 Which part does the most of population live in? (**Why**)

Puzzle7 Which part do the most of industrial cities settle in?

Puzzle8 Where can you enjoy historical architecture ?

 *For historical architecture you have to go to older but smaller towns built by the Romans, the invaders .*

Puzzle 9 (discussion)

In your opinion, is **invasion** good or bad for the development of a country?





In the history of the UK, there are some important invasions. Those invaders ruled the country for some time.

They brought pains to the local people, but at the same time, they also brought something new to the country, which is important for making up its history.



Puzzle 9 Influence of invasion on England and London

	England	London
The Romans	left their towns and roads	built the oldest port in the 1st century AD
The Anglo-Saxons	left their language and government	built the oldest building in the 1060s
The Vikings	influenced the vocabulary and place-names	None (why)
The Normans	left castles and words for food	constructed the oldest castle in 1066

What attractions can you see in London?

History and culture is everywhere;

*If you are going to make your trip to the
United Kingdom enjoyable and worthwhile,
you must keep your eyes open,*



Puzzles in Geography

Puzzle 10

What's your understanding of the title?

Is it good or bad?

If not, what's your title?



If you want to have a better understanding of a country, you must learn from its geography, history and culture.





Homework



Your friend Li Hua plans to make a trip to the UK. Please write an email telling him something about the UK. You can refer to the textbook for some information, and if necessary, you can surf the internet to find more information.



Dear Li Hua,

Hearing you are heading for the UK for a trip, I'm more than glad to write to you to tell you something about the country.

The UK stands for the United Kingdom, which consists of four countries: England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Island. The four countries do work together in currency and international relationships, but they have respective educational and legal systems as well as football teams. London, is definitely a perfect destination if you want to learn more about the country, for it is the greatest historical treasure with lots of museums, art collections and buildings built centuries ago. If possible, you can look around the British countryside, where there are many historical architectures.

Travelling is a good way to expose yourself to British culture. You must keep your eyes open if you are going to make your trip to the United Kingdom enjoyable and worthwhile. Wish you a pleasant journey!

Yours sincerely
Ashley

The End