

# 1 Unit

## Lesson 3

# THE UNITED KINGDOM

### A LEAD-IN ▶▶

Read this text quickly, without understanding every word. Where can you find a text like this?

#### Visit the British Isles!

The British Isles are situated on the west side of Europe.

Geographically the British Isles are made up of two main islands, Great Britain and Ireland.



Politically the two islands are made up of:

- the United Kingdom, which includes Great Britain (with

England, Scotland and Wales) and Northern

Ireland

- the Republic of Ireland, in the southern part of Ireland.

The population of the United Kingdom is about 59 million. That's 6 times more than Greece. About 10-12 million people live in London, its capital. London is about twice as big as



Athens. The Republic of Ireland has a population of 3.7 million. One third of its people live in its capital, Dublin.

- Each country has a national flower. The national flower of England is the rose; for Wales, the daffodil; for Scotland, the thistle and for the Republic of Ireland, the shamrock.



Go to Appendix, page 134, for additional information on the symbols of Great Britain.

### B READING



Find the information in the text above and complete the table below.

	United Kingdom	Ireland	Your prefecture*
Capital city			
Population			

\* prefecture=νομός

### C VOCABULARY

Find words or phrases in the text that fit in the four categories of the table below.

countries	geography terms	size/ number	national flowers

### PROJECT

1. How about a leaflet from Greece?
2. Now go to Appendix, UNIT 1, PROJECT (page 134).





## SELF-ASSESSMENT TEST



Name:..... Class:.....

Date:..... Score:...../ 100

### A. Read and decide: True (✓) or False (✗)

Pedro is an eleven-year-old boy from Spain. He lives in Barcelona with his father and his twin sisters Maria and Granada.



Pedro is a pupil in the fifth class of Primary school. He loves school and he is very good at maths and languages. He can solve mathematical problems very quickly and he can also speak English and French. In his free time, Pedro loves riding his bike and drawing. He is also fond of surfing the Net and chatting to children from all over Europe.




E.g. Pedro is Spanish (✓)

1. He lives with his family in a big city .....
2. He's got a brother and a sister .....
3. He is very good at English and Italian .....
4. His favourite hobbies are cycling and drawing .....
5. Pedro is very good at computers .....



Points: ..... / 20

### B. Computers. Look at the pictures and tick the right box.

1.   modem  
 tower
2.   screen  
 printer
5.   scanner  
 printer

3.   keyboard  
 mouse
4.   speakers  
 microphone & headphones

Points: ..... / 10

### C. Countries and Nationalities. Fill in the spaces.

- Someone who comes from Great Britain is ..... while someone who comes from ..... is French.
- What nationality is your uncle? He is ..... and lives in Rome.
- Athens is the ..... capital, Lisbon is the ..... capital, Berlin is the capital of ..... and Amsterdam is the ..... capital.
- People in Moscow speak .....
- Franz lives in Switzerland. He's .....
- A lot of people who live and work in Greece come from Tirana in .....

Points: ..... / 30

### D. Answer the following questions. Write true answers.

- What time does school start ? .....
- How do you go to school? .....
- Which school subject do you like best? .....
- Do you do your homework alone? .....
- What do you do in the afternoons? .....

Points: ..... / 20

### E. Match the sentences

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1. Hi ! I'm Greek! Where are you from?        | a. Red, white and blue.                                 |
| 2. Which do you prefer? Maths or Science?     | b. Well, I don't really like it.<br>I prefer pop music. |
| 3. Do you like school?                        | c. He's Swiss.  |
| 4. Nadine comes from Marseilles.              | d. I'm Dutch. I am from Holland                         |
| 5. How about heavy metal music?               | e. It's to the west of Britain.                         |
| 6. Sue hates going to the dentist.            | f. She says it's an awful experience.                   |
| 7. Do you like horse riding?                  | g. I hate it!!  |
| 8. Henry doesn't come from Germany.           | h. She's French.  |
| 9. Which are the colours of the British flag? | i. I prefer Maths.                                      |
| 10. Where's Ireland?                          | j. Well, I don't mind school,<br>but I hate homework!!  |

Points: ..... / 20

Tick what's true for you:



#### Now I can:

- Name the various parts of the computer
- Talk about what I like and what I don't like to do in my free time
- Write and talk about my school life



#### Learning strategies in English

##### I LEARN ENGLISH BECAUSE I LIKE...

- Learning about other countries and people
- Filling in charts
- Listening for specific information
- Scanning a text
- Learning more about young people in other countries