

# 1. Country and People

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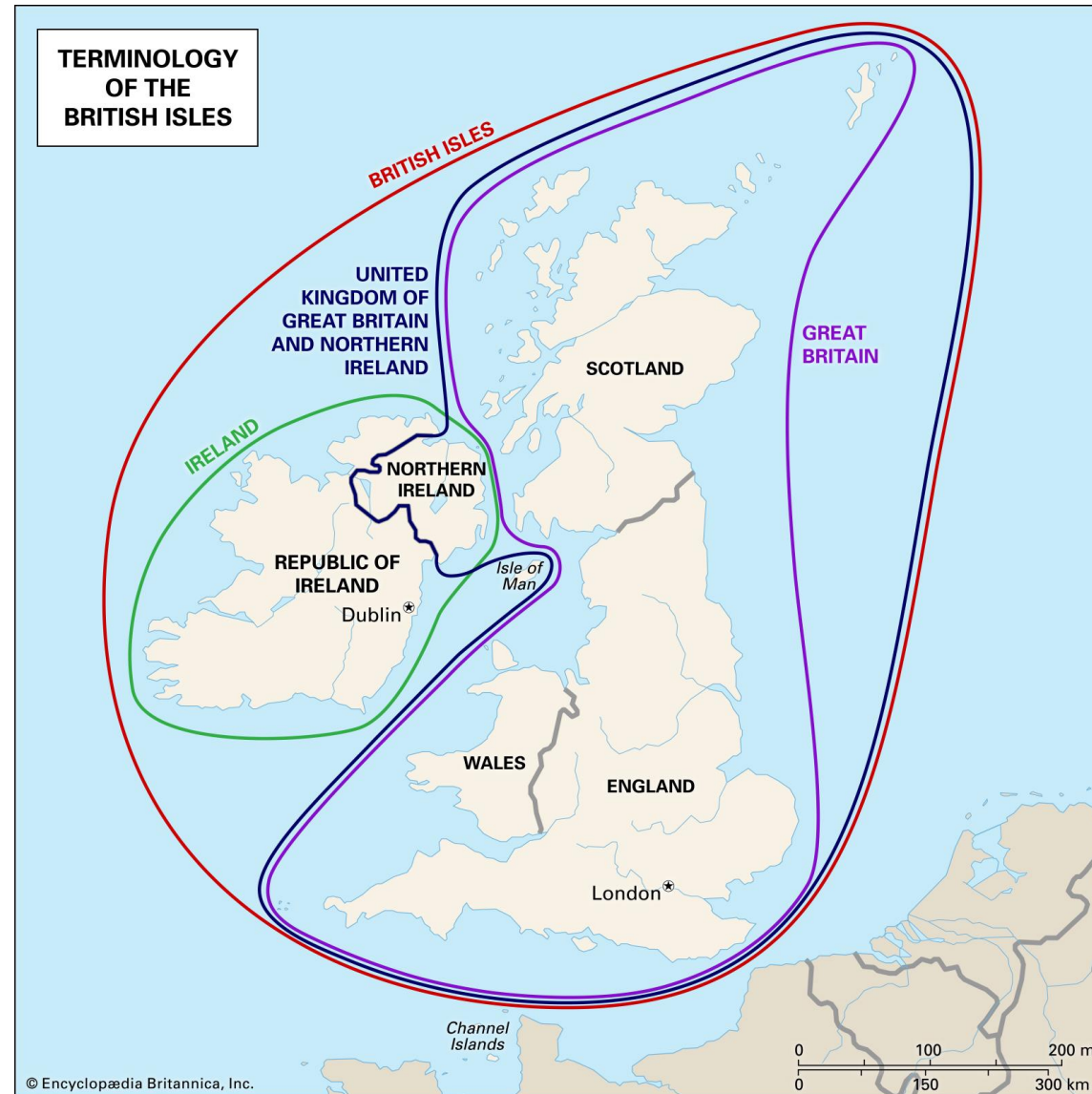
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- Geographically speaking
- Politically speaking
- The four nations
- Signs of national identity

# Geographically speaking

- Off the north-west coast of Europe
- Two large islands (Great Britain and Ireland) and hundreds of smaller ones

# Politically speaking



- Two states in this geographical area (The Republic of Ireland, the UK)
- Act of Union 1st May 1707: treaty that effected the union of England and Scotland under the name Great Britain

#### National teams in selected sports

	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	Republic of Ireland
Olympics	Great Britain				Ireland
Cricket	England and Wales		Scotland	Ireland	
Rugby union	England	Wales	Scotland	Ireland	
Football	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	Republic of Ireland

- The British Isles (outdated)
- The North-East Atlantic Archipelago
- The North-West European Archipelago
- Great Britain and Ireland (most common)



# The four nations

- England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland
- 1800 – the Irish Parliament was joined with the parliament of England, Scotland and Wales – single state
- 1922 – most of Ireland became separate state



# Other signs of National Identity

- Albion
- Britannia
- Briton
- Caledonia, Cambria, Hibernia
- The Emerald Isle
- John Bull
- Surnames
- First names for men

# The Dominance of England

- Dominant culture of Britain is the English culture
- The supply of money – controlled by the bank of England
- Elizabeth II (Ireland and Scotland never Elizabeth I)
- Names of institutions: Newspaper – The Times Educational supplement (English), The times Educational Supplement Scotland
- National loyalty (people call themselves English)

## The people of Britain



white British

% of UK population  
in 2001

- 2.4 white other
- 1.8 Asian Indian
- 1.3 Asian Pakistani
- 1.2 mixed ethnicity
- 1.1 white Irish
- 1.0 black Caribbean
- 0.8 black African
- 0.5 black Bangladeshi
- 0.4 Chinese
- 0.4 Asian other

## Population by ethnicity [\[ edit \]](#)

According to the 2011 Census, the ethnic composition of the United Kingdom was as set out in the table below.

Ethnic group	Population (2011)	Percentage of total population <sup>[17]</sup>
<b>White or White British: Total</b>	<b>55,010,359</b>	<b>87.1</b>
<b>Gypsy/Traveller/Irish Traveller: Total</b>	<b>63,193</b>	<b>0.1</b>
Asian or Asian British: <a href="#">Indian</a>	1,451,862	2.3
Asian or Asian British: <a href="#">Pakistani</a>	1,174,983	1.9
Asian or Asian British: <a href="#">Bangladeshi</a>	451,529	0.7
Asian or Asian British: <a href="#">Chinese</a>	433,150	0.7
Asian or Asian British: <a href="#">Other Asian</a>	861,815	1.4
<b>Asian or Asian British: Total</b>	<b>4,373,339</b>	<b>6.9</b>
<b>Black or Black British: Total</b> <sup>[note 1]</sup>	<b>1,904,684</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>Mixed or Multiple: Total</b>	<b>1,250,229</b>	<b>2.0</b>
<b>Other Ethnic Group: Total</b>	<b>580,374</b>	<b>0.9</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,182,178</b>	<b>100</b>

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