

A Glimpse of Britain

Speaking

- 12 Give general information about the United Kingdom using the following prompts.



Britain which is formally known as the United Kingdom of . . . is the political unity of . . .
 It is located . . .
 Its total area is about . . .
 The coasts of the UK are washed by . . .
 The scenery is . . .
 The capital of the UK is . . .
 The official language is . . .
 The national symbols of the UK are . . .
 Its form of government is a . . .
 Officially the supreme legislative authority is the . . . and the two Houses of Parliament: . . .
 But the Queen . . .
 There are three major political parties: . . .
 The largest cities are . . .
 The chief river is . . .
 Britain's major industries include . . .

Writing

- 13 Choose one of the British cities and write about it using the following plan:

- geographic location;
- scenery;
- climate;
- flora and fauna;
- population;
- main industries;
- places of interest.



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Grammar



- 4 Study the grammar.

Артикли с географическими названиями ARTICLES WITH GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

Examples

The	With oceans, seas, rivers, groups of lakes, gulfs, canals, falls, mountain chains, groups of isles, regions, deserts, poles	The Pacific Ocean, the North Sea, the Volga, the Great Lakes, the Persian Gulf, the Panama Canal, the Niagara Falls, the Urals, the Canaries, the Crimea, the Middle East, the Sahara Desert, the North Pole
— (no article)	With mountains, peaks, isles, lakes, bays, continents, provinces, countries*, cities**, villages	Elbrus, Haiti, (Lake) Baikal, San Francisco Bay, Europe, Russia, Moscow, Borodino

* Артикль *the* употребляется:

- с названиями стран, в состав которых входят слова *Union, Kingdom, States, Federation, Republic* и т. п.: *the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, the United States, the Irish Republic;*
- с названиями во множественном числе: *the Netherlands, the Philippines;*
- с названиями-аббревиатурами: *the USSR, the UK, the USA.*

** Артикль *the* употребляется в названии *the Hague.*



Артикли с названиями стран света ARTICLES WITH THE POINTS OF THE COMPASS

the north	the east	the northwest	the southwest
the south	the west	the northeast	the southeast

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Practice

13 Find the 10 hidden words.

- традиция
- королева
- праздновать
- чай
- национальный
- фестиваль
- праздник
- индейка
- обычай
- страна

u	t	r	a	d	i	t	i	o	n
n	a	t	i	o	n	a	l	i	c
c	f	e	s	t	i	v	a	l	e
o	c	h	o	l	i	d	a	y	l
u	p	u	t	n	y	s	o	m	e
n	e	w	s	u	t	u	n	e	b
t	e	e	p	t	r	y	n	o	r
r	t	e	a	l	o	k	e	a	
y	s	t	o	p	d	m	e	u	t
q	u	e	e	n	o	d	a	y	e

14 Fill in the gaps with articles where necessary.

1. The oldest country in the world is Iran, which was known as Persia until 1934.
2. The hunters got lost in Rocky Mountains.
3. Iceland is a volcanic island.
4. The highest peak in North America is Mount McKinley.
5. They are planning to visit Lake Chad in North Central Africa during their holiday.
6. Although Australia is the smallest continent, it is the largest island in the world.
7. Europe extends from British Isles in west towards Urals in east.
8. Republic of Ireland is a state in West Europe.
9. Dead Sea, also called Salt Sea, is a salt lake bordering Jordan to east and Israel and West Bank to west.