

Life in the UK

1 UK Quiz

Your dictionary can help you to find the answers. Look at **Geographical names** on pages 473-476 for questions 1-5. Look up the words in dark **type** for questions 6-10.

- 'UK' stands for _____.
a United Kingdom b Union of Kingdoms
- What nationality is a person who was born in the UK?
a English b British
- He is from Wales. He is _____.
a Wales b Welsh
- She is from Scotland. She is _____.
a Scottish b Scot
- They are from Northern Ireland. They are _____.
a Northern Irish b Northern Ireland
- The **Queen** of the UK is _____.
a Elizabeth I b Elizabeth II
- The **Tory Party** is another word for which political party?
a the Labour Party b the Liberal Democrats c the Conservative Party
- Which of the following is NOT part of the Houses of **Parliament**?
a the House of Representatives b the House of Lords c the House of Commons
- How old should you be to be able to buy alcoholic drinks in a **pub** in the UK?
a 16 b 17 c 18
- What type of **stamp** should you put on a letter that you want to arrive quickly?
a a first-class stamp b a second-class stamp



2 Special days

- A** Do you know when these special days happen? Match the day with the month(s), then use your dictionary to see if you were right and to find out more about them.

Bonfire night	October
Easter	November
Christmas	March or April
New Year's Day	December
Halloween	January

- B** Where do these words belong? Easter or Christmas? Put each one in the correct column.

Easter

Boxing Day	Easter Monday
Father Christmas	Christmas Day
chocolate eggs	dinner
turkey	spring
Christmas Eve	cards
presents	pudding
Good Friday	carols

Christmas

C Katie is talking about Christmas in the UK. Use some of the words and phrases from exercise 2B to fill the gaps.

I'm so excited! It's nearly Christmas! I've sent Christmas _____ to all my friends and yesterday I bought _____ for my family.

On _____ (December 24th) Dad always puts up the Christmas tree in the sitting room, and my brother and I decorate it with coloured lights and glass balls. When we wake up on _____, there are presents for everyone. My little brother believes that _____ brings them during the night. We go to church with our parents and sing _____, then we go to Granny and Grandpa's for Christmas _____. We eat roast _____, roast potatoes and vegetables, then Christmas _____, which is like cake made with lots of fruit. We open our presents, play games and have fun.

I really hope it snows. Last year it snowed on _____, the day after Christmas, and I made a huge snowman.



D Now write about a special day in your country. When is it? What do you do? What do you eat and drink?

3 The weather

Use Picture Dictionary page P16 in your dictionary to help you complete this crossword.

When you have finished, look down the column marked with an arrow (↓) to find a sentence that is often true in Britain!

- 1 the coldest part of the year
- 2 light cloud near the ground, which is difficult to see through
- 3 when soft white pieces of frozen water are falling from the sky, it's ...
- 4 white or grey shapes in the sky that are made of drops of water
- 5 the hottest part of the year
- 6 a half circle of colours in the sky when rain and sun come together
- 7 the part of the year when plants and flowers start to grow
- 8 the time in the evening when the sun goes down
- 9 the trees are blowing around a lot because it's ...
- 10 the part of the year when the leaves change colour and start to fall off the trees
- 11 thick cloud near the ground that is difficult to see through

