

Lesson Plan

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and of Northern Ireland

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Level: intermediate, upper-intermediate

Main Topic: USING INTERNET RESOURCES TO CREATE POSTERS

Concept used: Cross-curricular Teaching (English, Geography, History, ITC, Religion)

Strategy Used: CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning - Teaching Geography, History, ITC and Religion through English)

Ice Breaking activity - Warm up

Topic: - The Hat Story

Language/ Skill aim: Developing writing, ice-breaking, getting out of negative moods

Interaction: frontal, individual work

The T reads a story and invites the Ss to write a negative thing on small paper hats. The Ss place the hats on a table.



ACTIVITY 1

Topic: Introducing the countries which form the UK - geographical, cultural, historical issues

Language/Skill aim: Developing speaking

Interaction: Frontal

Procedure: Fill in the missing information

T's card

Country	Status	Population	Capital City	Language Nationality	National Day
England	Kingdom	50,431,700	London	English British	23rd of April St. George's Day
Scotland	Kingdom	5,094,800	Edinburgh	English Scottish	30th of November St. Andrew's Day
Wales	Principality	2,958,600	Cardiff	English Welsh	1st of March St. David's Day
Northern Ireland	Province	1,724,000	Belfast	English Irish	17th of March St. Patrick's Day

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**S's card**

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ACTIVITY 2

Topic - Creating five posters for UK, England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Language/Skill aim: Developing Speaking, Reading

Interaction: group work, frontal

Procedure: Ask the students to form 5 groups. Each group receives an A3 sheet of paper including 5 headlines. Ss have to find in the 5 boxes their correspondent elements and to create a poster for their country. T involves Ss in conversation based on the images they pick. Students take turns in reading the written information.

BOX 1 National flags,

BOX 2 Coat of Arms

BOX 3 National Symbols

BOX 4 Famous people

BOX 5 Capital cities

Texts**GROUP 1 UK**

1.1. The Flag of UK - Union Jack - is a superimposition of three flags of England (St. George's Cross), of Scotland (St. Andrew's Cross) and of Ireland the St. Patrick's Cross.

1.2. The Official Coat of Arms of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and of Northern Ireland is **The Lion and The Unicorn**. On the left, the shield is supported by the English lion. On the right, it is supported by the Unicorn of Scotland. The Unicorn is chained because in medieval times a free unicorn was considered a very dangerous beast. Only a virgin could tame a unicorn. The coat features the motto of the British Monarchs *Dieu et mon droit* (God and my right) and the motto of the Order of the Garter *Honi soit qui mal y pense* (Evil to him who evil thinks).

1.3. The National Anthem- God Save the Queen - It was first used in 1745 and it was traditionally adopted by people. It has never been officially adopted by royal proclamation or act of parliament.

God save our gracious Queen

Long live our noble Queen

God save the Queen!

Send her victorious,

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**Happy and glorious,
Long reign over us,
God save the Queen.**

1.4. The term "British" - The *Britannia* was the original Latin name the Roman Empire gave to Britain. Britannia was also a Roman goddess. It is a modern personification of the United Kingdom.

1.5. The British Bulldog - "To many the Bulldog is a national icon, symbolising pluck and determination." (BBC) He gets his name from a history where he was used in bull baiting. Today, the best known bulldog is perhaps "Handsome Dan," the mascot of Yale University.

1.6. Queen Elizabeth - born in 1926, she became a queen at the age of 25. She is the 40th monarch since William the Conqueror and the great-great granddaughter of Queen Victoria.

bull baiting= *is a blood sport involving the baiting of bulls. It may involve pitting a bull against another animal, similar with the Spanish corrida*

GROUP 2 - ENGLAND

2.1. The Flag of England - St. George's Cross - The military Saint

2.2. The Three Lions Emblem - Richard the Lionheart (1189-1199) used the three golden lions on their scarlet background as a powerful symbol of the English throne during the time of the crusades. The three lions are on the badge of England's football team.

2.3. The Red Rose - The Tudor rose takes its name after the Tudor dynasty and it was adopted as a national emblem of England around the time of the Wars of Roses as a symbol of peace. It merges the white rose of the York House, the red rose of the Lancaster House and the cadet branches of Plantagenet House. The red rose is on the badge of England's rugby team

2.4. The Beatles -an English rock band formed in Liverpool in 1960. With members John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr, they became widely regarded as the most influential band of the rock era.

2.5. The Oak Tree- is the national English tree representing strength and endurance. It is represented on the 1pound coin.

2.6. William Shakespeare - (1564-1616) English playwright and poet, widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language.

Motto - Dieu et mon droit

GROUP 3 - Wales

3.1. The Flag of Wales - includes a red dragon, a popular Welsh symbol. It is popularly supposed to have been the battle flag of King Arthur and other ancient Celtic leaders. This myth is likely to have originated from the tale of Merlin's vision of a Red (The Native Britons) and a White (The Saxon Invaders) dragon, the red dragon being victorious. Following the annexation of Wales by England, the red dragon was used as a supporter in the English monarch's coat of arms.

3.2. The Royal Badge of Wales - The motto PLEIDIOL WYF I'M GWLAD ("I am true to my country") is taken from the National Anthem of Wales and is also found on the Welsh designs for £1 coins minted from 1985 onwards.

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3.3. The Leek - According to one legend, the leek was associated with St. David the Patron Saint of Wales who died in 589 AD. It tells how St. David ordered his soldiers to wear the leek on their helmets in a battle against the hated pagan Saxon invaders of Britain. The battle itself is also said to have taken place in a field full of leeks. It is also possible to have a connection with the druids, Welsh priests who worshiped everything that was connected with Mother Nature. It is also claimed that by placing a leek under a pillow at night, young maidens could see the features of their future husbands.



3.4. The Daffodil - is worn on St David's Day each March 1. In Welsh, the daffodil is known as "Peter's leek", *Welsh*: Cenhinen Bedr.

3.5. Cardiff - Cardiff Castle - located in the centre of the city

3.6. Anthony Hopkins - Considered to be one of the greatest living actors, Hopkins is well known for his portrayal of Hannibal Lecter in *The Silence of the Lambs*, for which he won the Academy Award for Best Actor. Other notable films include *The Mask of Zorro*, *Meet Joe Black*, *The Elephant Man*, *84 Charing Cross Road*, *Dracula*, *Legends of the Fall*, *Thor*, *The Remains of the Day*, *Nixon*, *The World's Fastest Indian*, *Fracture*, and *The Dresser*, HBO television series *Westworld*.

Motto - *Wales forever*

GROUP 4 - SCOTLAND

4.1. The Flag of Scotland - St'. Andrew's Cross - It is believed that around 60 AD, St. Andrew, who became the Patron Saint of Scotland, (and who was one of Jesus' Apostles - the younger brother of Simon Peter) was crucified. Legend says that he felt himself unworthy of being crucified on a cross that resembled the one Jesus died on, and so he hung on a saltire, or diagonal cross.

4.2. The Scotland Coat of Arms - The Honours of Scotland, the Scottish Crown Jewels are displayed in the Crown Room of Edinburgh Castle, from where they are removed only for State Occasions. They appear on the royal crest, as well as on the badges of the Royal Regiment of Scotland, Scotland Police, the Scottish Ambulance Service and upon Royal Mail premises, vehicles and boxes in Scotland.

4.3. The Thistle - is the common name of a group of flowering plants characterised by leaves with sharp prickles on the margins. It grows wild and free in the Scottish highlands, and is both a beautiful and dangerous plant. A legend says that during the 13th century a Norse king was trying to conquer Scotland. One of his soldiers was walking barefoot and he was unaware of these Scottish plants. His cries of shock and pain were enough to wake the sleeping Scots who managed to win the battle.

thistle = *ciulin*

4.4. The Scottish kilt -or tartan skirt is known as "The National Dress of Scotland". Kilts have deep cultural and historical roots in the country of Scotland and are a sacred

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symbol of patriotism and honour for a true Scotsman. The word "kilt" is a derivation of the ancient Norse word, *kjilt*, which means *pleated*, and refers to clothing that is tucked up and around the body.

tartan= *stofă scoțiană în carouri*

4.5. Edinburg - The Edinburgh Castle holds annually the Military Tattoo, The Lone Piper's Song

4.6. Sean Connery - the first James Bond, Kink Arthur in *The first Knight*, Captain John Patrick Mason in *The Rock*

Motto: *In my defens god me defend*

GROUP 5 - NORTHERN IRELAND

5.1. The Flag - The Saint Patrick's Saltire represents Northern Ireland indirectly as Ireland in the Union Jack. It is sometimes flown during Saint Patrick's Day parades in Northern Ireland, and is used to represent Northern Ireland during some royal events

5.2. Coat of Arms - a red lion, to represent the Ulster Scots and an Irish Elk to represent the "native element". No longer used.

5.3. Flower - The shamrock (a three-leafed clover) is a popular way to represent Saint Patrick's Day.

5.5. Irish Whiskey-the word whiskey comes from the Irish (or 'Gaelic') *uisce beatha*, meaning "water of life". It is believed that Irish monks brought the technique of distilling perfumes back to Ireland from their travels to the Mediterranean countries around 1000 A.D. The Irish then modified this technique to obtain a drinkable spirit.

5.6. Liam Neeson - acted in the films *Excalibur*, *The Bounty*, and Robert De Niro and Jeremy Irons in *The Mission* (1986). *Star Wars*, *Taken*, *Batman Begins*, *The Chronicles of Narnia*. His mother was a cook and his father was a caretaker in a school. Neeson first stepped on stage at age 11, after his English teacher offered him the lead role in a school play, which he accepted because the girl he was attracted to was starring in it.

5.7. Belfast - Belfast City Hall - a major commercial and industrial centre, particularly shipbuilding. The Titanic was built here. The city's history has been marked by violent conflict between Irish Catholics and Irish Protestants. In recent years the city has been relatively peaceful.

ACTIVITY 3 -Warm down

Topic - The Shark House in Headington, Oxford

Language/Skill aim: Listening/ Writing

Interaction: individual

Procedure: Dictagloss. Read the text once at fast speed. Students have to choose the correct word and to fill 14 words in the gaps.

ACTIVITY 4 - Feedback

Topic - The 1 pound coin

Language/ Skill aim: Listening, Speaking

Interaction: Frontal

Procedure:

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T asks Ss to look at a 1 pound coin and to tell which of the 4 countries that form UK it represents.

T asks Ss to write their feedback on given cards.

Written Feedback

Did you like this activity?	Yes	No	I don't know
Did you learn something new?			
Did you like the Teacher?			
Did you like your group's activity?			
Did you like the materials used?			



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