

# The British Isles

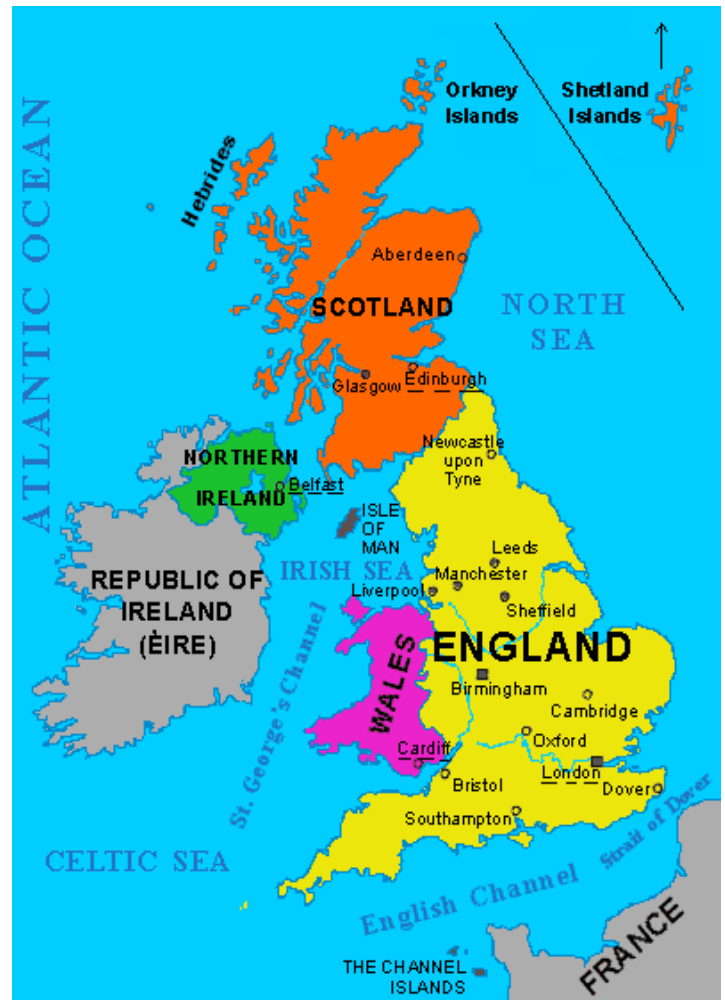
## 1/ Introduction:

On this map of the British Isles, you can see there are a lot of regions!

Can you give the name of the TWO countries with their capital?

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You can now draw the flag for each country:

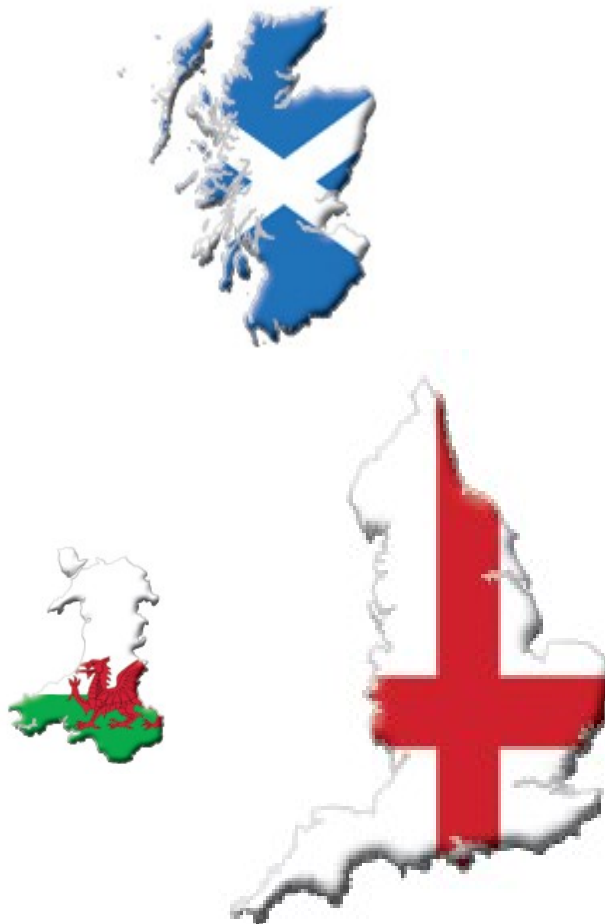
## 11/ The United Kingdom:

### A/ Introduction:

The name of the flag is the U.....  
J..... The capital of this country is the  
biggest in Western Europe ! The person  
officially in charge of the country is  
Q..... E..... II. English is not the  
only language people speak in the UK. In  
Wales, people speak W..... and in  
Scotland, people speak G..... In Great  
Britain, people are about ..... million. A lot of  
people come from England's colonies (India or  
Jamaica). In the United Kingdom, you pay  
with p..... (£) and p..... (p).



Indicate the capital, the name of the people and the symbol for each region:



## B/ History, different waves of invaders:

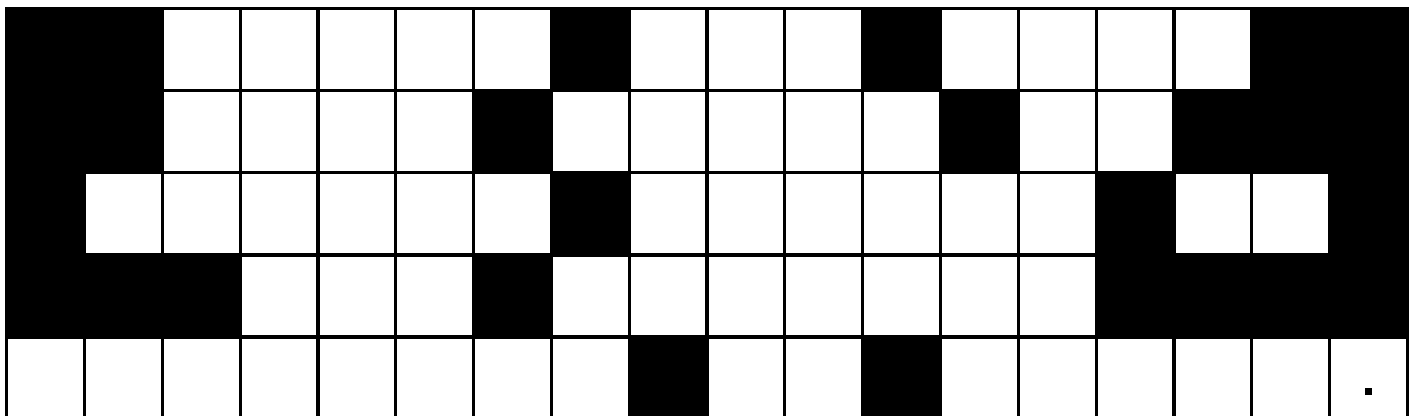
The Celts (to come) .....  
 from Central Europe and (to  
 settle)..... a lot of parts  
 in western Europe. Celtic  
 tribes (to go)..... to the  
 British Isles. They (to leave +  
 neg) ..... a lot of  
 words in today's English:  
 whisky, kilt, loch, slogan.



Where did the Celts come from ?

Did they settle the British Isles ?

What did they leave in today's English ?



O E I

R E

O

T G U A

O G D

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S H H E G W O R L S I H F A

A N L T E E E N O I I O O D Y N

L C E T M R C E A R F G T N L I Y



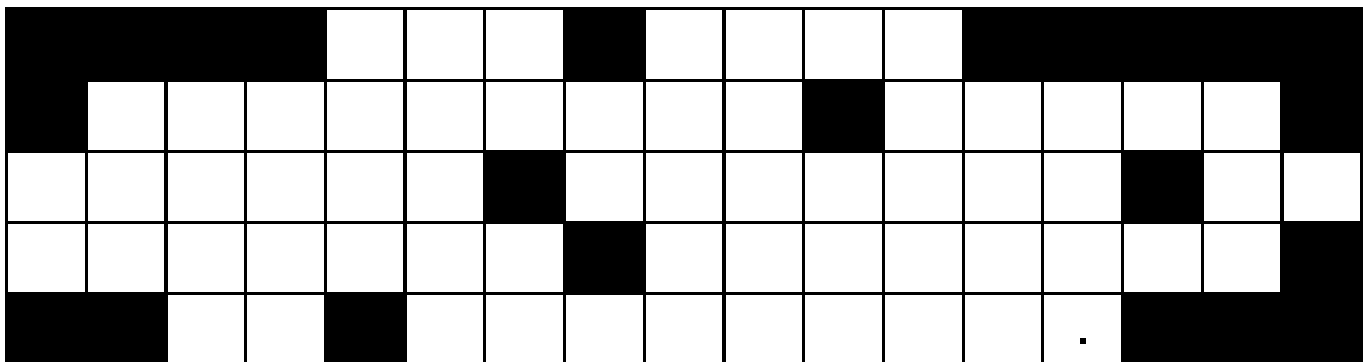
Julius Caesar's Roman army (to invade) ..... Britain. The Romans (to live)..... on the isle for about 450 years! They (to build)..... towns, roads, baths or theatres. Romans (to settle + neg) ..... in Wales or

Scotland, because people there were always at war! The Romans also (to bring) ..... something very important to the British Isles: the Latin language (the Celts didn't write)!

How long did the Romans live in Britain?

What did they bring?

Did they really go to Scotland and Wales?



I G T G  
 I A N H N R O A T H  
 O M P T R A A M O U T E T Y  
 R I I S O S T B N U O G H B N G  
 B R M T A L E N P R S B A I L T O

Anglo-Saxon people (to come) ..... from Northern Germany and Holland. They invade) ..... Britain after the Romans (to leave).....

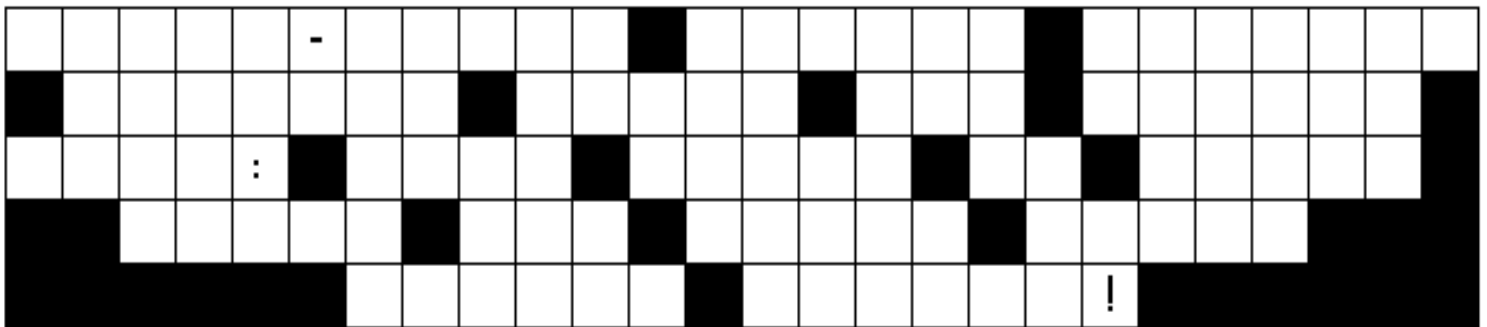


In Britain, Anglo-Saxons (to fight) ..... all the time between different kings. They (to live)..... in small farms and (to build + neg)..... stone-houses.

Where did the Anglo-Saxons come from ?

How did they live in Britain ? (= list two things very different from the Roman life-style)

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I Y M L

G L T H X A D S V O T L I O M T

E F A R A L E O Y S E E E U H E N S N G A L S

L N F I T A S N A N N L I R O D G E K R S M S N E

A B R T O M S A W A F T P F A P L H T I E T A L L D



The víkings (to be) ..... the next invaders. They (to arrive) ..... from Norway. They (to want)..... land. They (to raid)..... and (to loot)..... everywhere in Europe ! víkings (to create) ..... towns (Kiev in Russia) and were interested in trading. They (to discover)..... the American continent (500 years before Christopher Columbus) ! They (to have) ..... quick boats and nobody (can)..... fight them ! Everybody (to be)..... afraid of the « Norsemen ». Some víkings (to settle) ..... in Normandy, France



Where did the víkings come from ?

What did they want ?

Why were people afraid of the víkings ?

Were the víkings fighters only? (= list positive things they did):

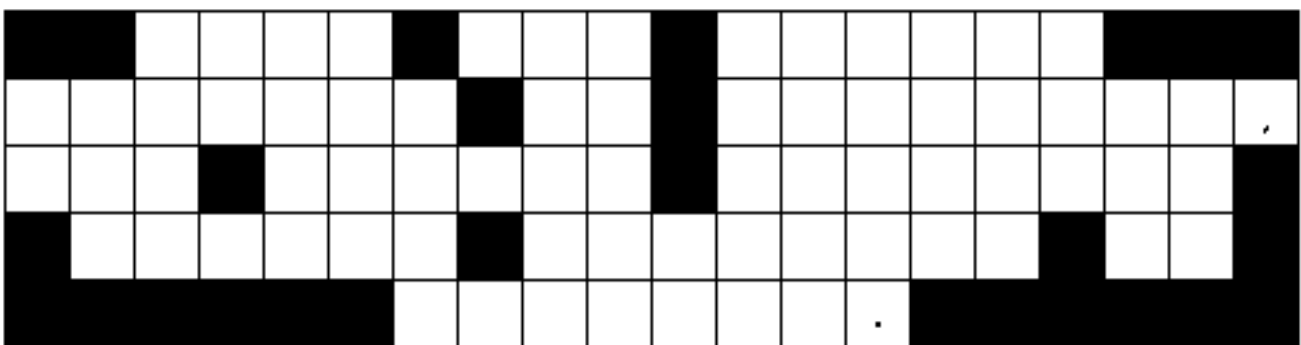
The Normans (to live) ..... in Normandy and (to speak) a sort of French. They (to come) ..... to England and (to fight) ..... the Anglo-Saxons (« Battle of Hastings », 1066). The Normans (to win)..... the battle and they (to begin)..... to build castles everywhere in England. They (to become)..... the masters of the country and they (to bring)..... their language to Britain. Today, the English language has about 60 % of words with a French origin !



Who were the Normans ?

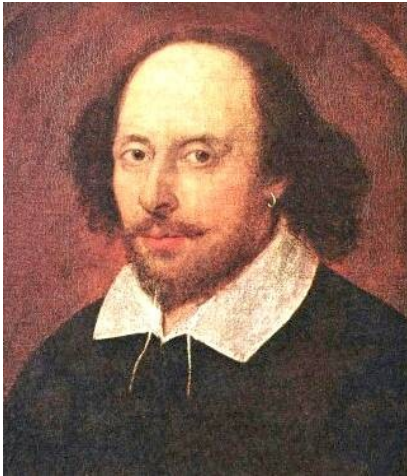
How long ago did they win the « Battle of Hastings » ?

Why is the Norman victory so important for the English language ?



I H L N  
 E A R Y C T N A R M I  
 H C C T R E T D E I N A G U N G S  
 V B E I F H B N A T M I A S T A A I E  
 T I W T O M E R H O A H O N N T N G N

## C/ Famous people:



### William Shakespeare (1564-1616):

England's most famous writer. He was born in Stratford upon Avon but went to London to write plays. He wrote about love, money, jealousy and war. Shakespeare's books are the world's second best-sellers behind the Bible.

How long ago was Shakespeare born ?

Can you give the title of 3 or 4 of his most famous plays ?

What do you learn about his plays today ?

### Queen Victoria:

She governed the British Empire in the 19<sup>th</sup> century: the British Isles, Canada, Australia, India and South Africa. Britain became the richest, most powerful country in the world with the steam-engine and coal.



Explain: the « British Empire ».

Why did Britain become very rich under Victoria's reign ?





### The «fab four»:

In the 1960s, the Beatles began to sing simple songs, very easy to remember. They grew very successful in Britain and everywhere in the world. The fabulous four boys from Liverpool became international pop-stars and they had a long career!

How long ago did the Beatles form?

Where did they come from?

What can explain their success?

### D/ English food !!!

In the m....., a lot of British people can't get a typical English b....., because it is very long to c.....! People u..... have a cup of tea with some t..... and cereals. In the English-speaking countries, it is a tradition to eat well for your first meal!





One famous English dish is «fish and chips». In the past, people (to buy) ..... it from shops on the street in newspapers! But now the fish and chips is served «MacDonalds style». Try it with salt and vinegar:

Where did people buy fish and chips in the past?

What can you try your fish and chips with?

In the British Isles (= the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland), pupils have to wear a uniform. It is compulsory. The colour depends on the school. Pupils can come one day in the year with no uniform («Mufti Day»). Do you want to wear a uniform in your school in France?



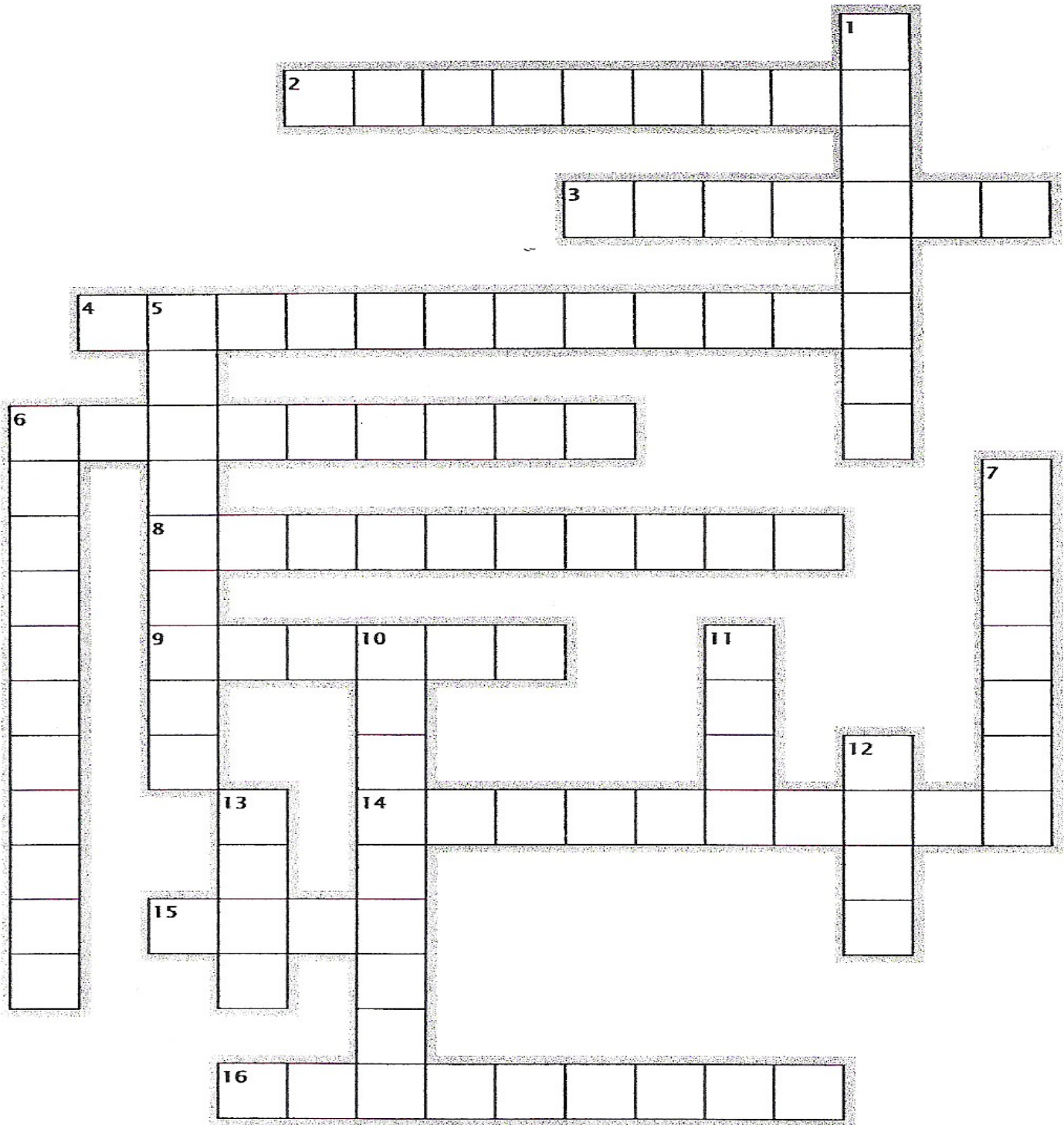
Do pupils have to wear a uniform in schools in the British Isles?

How can you recognize the school?

What is «Mufti Day»?



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## Across

2. gouverner (9)
3. vouloir (7)
4. machine à vapeur (12)
6. envahir (9)
8. partout (10)
9. essayer (6)
14. School uniforms are ..... in the British Isles ! (10)
15. vague (4)

16. tout le monde (9)

## Down

1. envahisseurs (8)
5. s'installer, s'établir (9)
6. découvrir (11)
7. pays (7)
10. créer, fonder (9)
11. charbon (4)
12. mot (4)
13. the Union Jack is a .... (4)

S:

There are only some words of Celtic origin in the English language of today.

The most important thing Romans brought to Britain probably is language.

Anglo-Saxon people settled Britain after the Romans left: they lived in small farms and small kings always fought!

With the Norman victory at Hastings, the French language became dominant in Britain.