

Do the preparation task first. Then read the article and do the exercises to check your understanding.

Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–f next to the numbers 1–6.

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| 1..... rural | a. a government building where politicians meet and discuss things |
| 2..... an accent | b. a rule that everyone in a country must follow |
| 3..... a parliament | c. about the countryside |
| 4..... a law | d. the way that people speak in a particular city or area |
| 5..... traditional | e. having many different cultures |
| 6..... multicultural | f. typical of a country and its culture |

1. Check your understanding: matching

Match the names with what they are and write a–j next to the numbers 1–10.

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| 1..... English Channel | a. clock |
| 2..... Big Ben | b. city |
| 3..... Bristol | c. sport |
| 4..... The New Forest | d. rugby competition |
| 5..... Glastonbury | e. traditional food |
| 6..... Ed Sheeran | f. sea |
| 7..... Harry Kane | g. singer |
| 8..... Six Nations | h. rural area |
| 9..... snooker | i. footballer |
| 10..... sausage and mash | j. music festival |

2. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the best answer to these questions.

1. Great Britain is England, ...
 - a. Scotland and Northern Ireland.
 - b. Scotland and Wales.
 - c. Wales and Northern Ireland.
2. The sea to the south of England is the ...
 - a. Irish Sea.
 - b. Celtic Sea.
 - c. English Channel.
3. There are ...
 - a. 50 million people living in England.
 - b. 80 million people living in England.
 - c. 250 million people living in England.
4. Political decisions in England are made by ...
 - a. the queen or king.
 - b. the Parliament of the United Kingdom.
 - c. the Government of England.
5. The Lake District is ...
 - a. near London.
 - b. in the south of England.
 - c. in the north of England.
6. There are lots of words and expressions in English that are ...
 - a. French.
 - b. Welsh.
 - c. Chinese.
7. Reading is the name of ...
 - a. a music festival.
 - b. an English music group.
 - c. a type of music.
8. Manchester United, Chelsea and Liverpool ...
 - a. are all from London..
 - b. play against the national teams of Wales, Scotland and Ireland every year.
 - c. are known all over the world.
9. In the Six Nations Championship, England doesn't play against ...
 - a. France.
 - b. Spain.
 - c. Italy.
10. People in England ...
 - a. prefer traditional food.
 - b. enjoy the variety of different cuisines.
 - c. don't drink much tea.

3. Check your grammar: gap fill

Complete the sentences with a word from the box.

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| across | through | between x2 | next to |
| to | about | all over | in x2 |

1. The English Channel is in the south, _____ England and France.
2. People travel to France by ferry _____ the English Channel or by train _____ the Channel Tunnel.
3. The Houses of Parliament are in central London _____ the River Thames.
4. Many students go to England from other countries _____ study the language and learn _____ the culture.
5. French was the official language _____ England _____ 1066 and 1362.
6. Women's football teams play _____ leagues and competitions _____ the country.

Discussion

Have you ever been to England? Would you like to go?