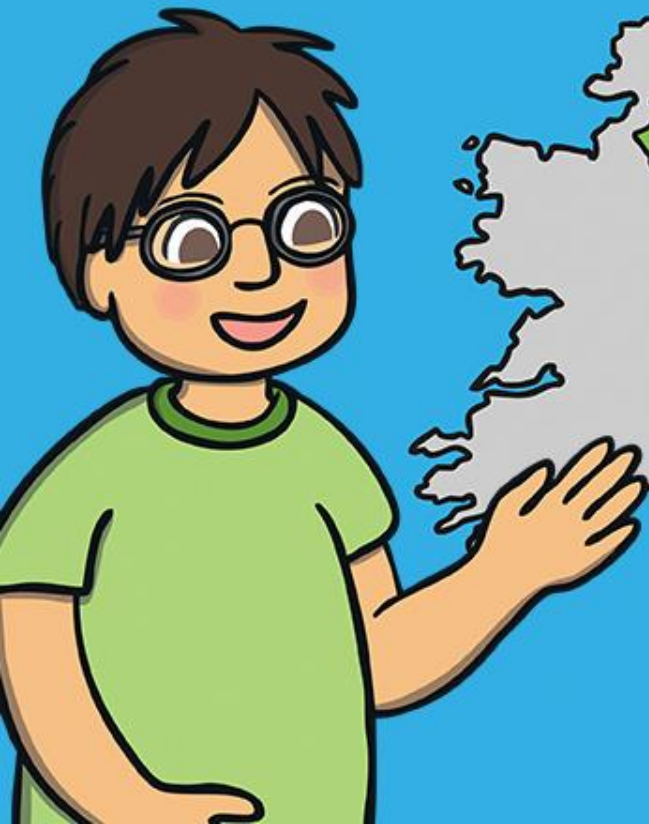


# United Kingdom

## Facts



# United Kingdom

The official name of the UK is 'The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland'.



# Islands of the United Kingdom

Many small islands belong to the UK, such as the **Isle of Wight**.



# Capital Cities

England

London

Scotland

Edinburgh

Wales

Cardiff

Northern Ireland

Belfast



# Facts about London



London is the biggest city in Britain and Europe.  
8,900,000 people live in London (2018).



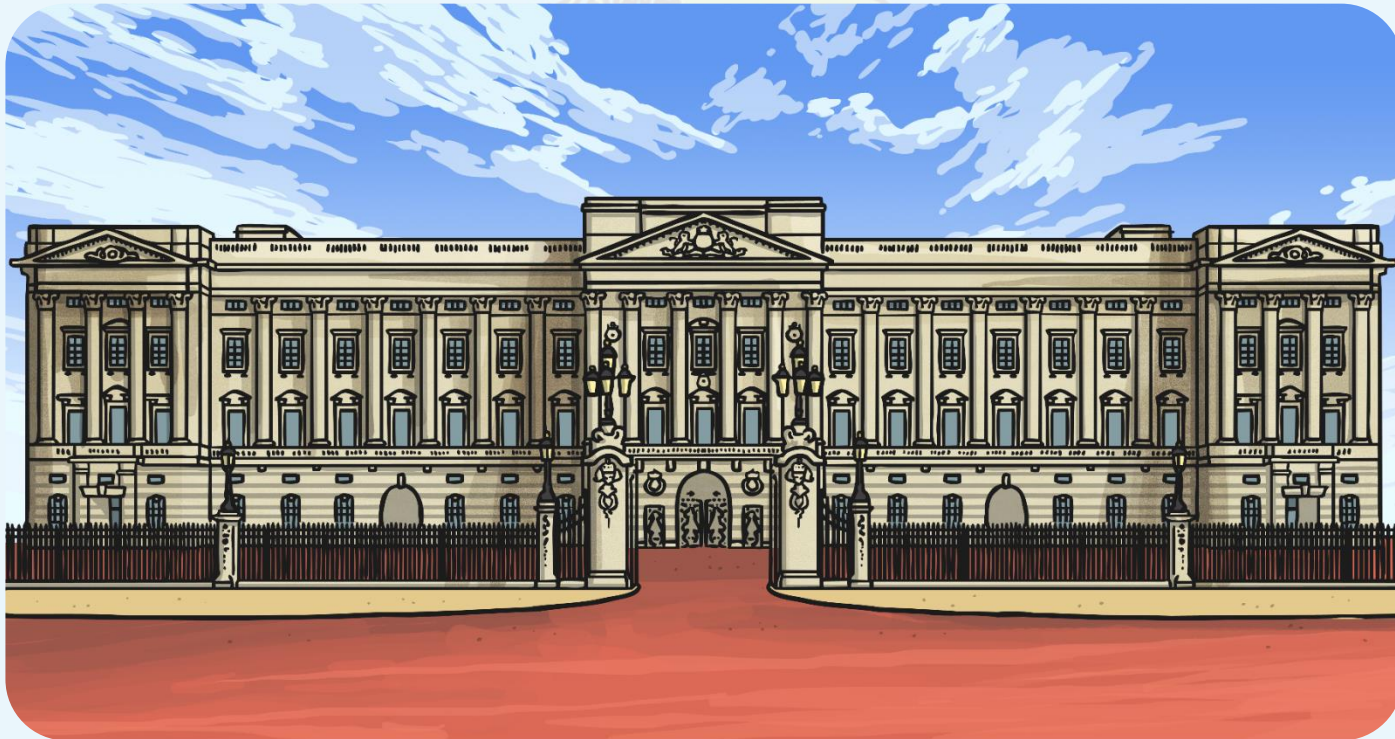
# The Great fire of London

In 1666 the Great Fire of London swept through central parts of London. Much of the city had to be rebuilt.



# Buckingham Palace

The official London home of the Queen is Buckingham Palace. Buckingham Palace has 775 rooms including 52 royal and guest bedrooms, 188 staff bedrooms and 78 bathrooms.



# The Houses of Parliament



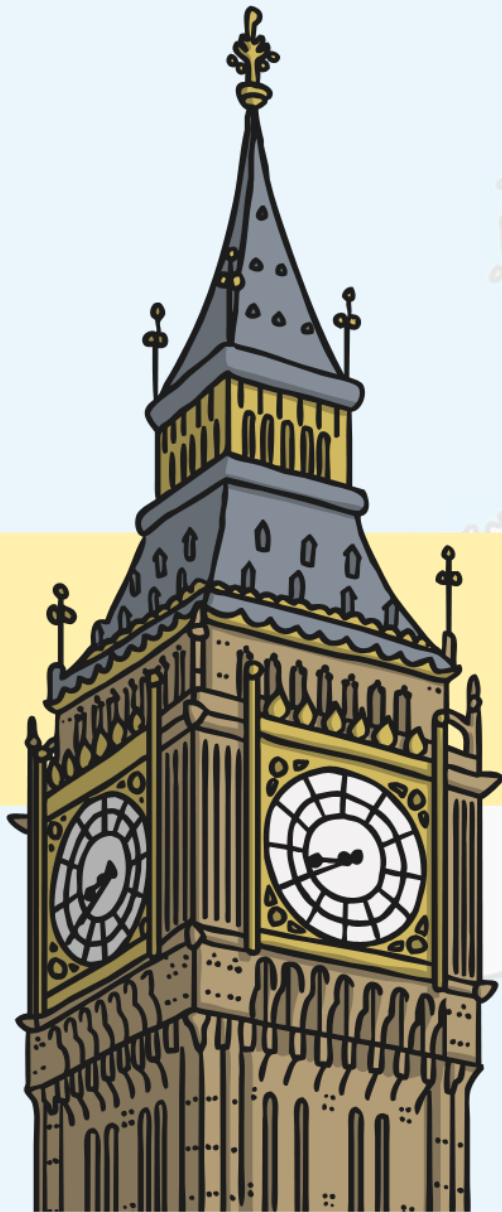
The Houses of Parliament (also known as Palace of Westminster) is the home to the English government. There are 1000 rooms, 100 staircases and 11 courtyards within The Houses of Parliament.

In 1605 a group including Guy Fawkes plotted to blow up Parliament. Fortunately, they were caught before this could happen.



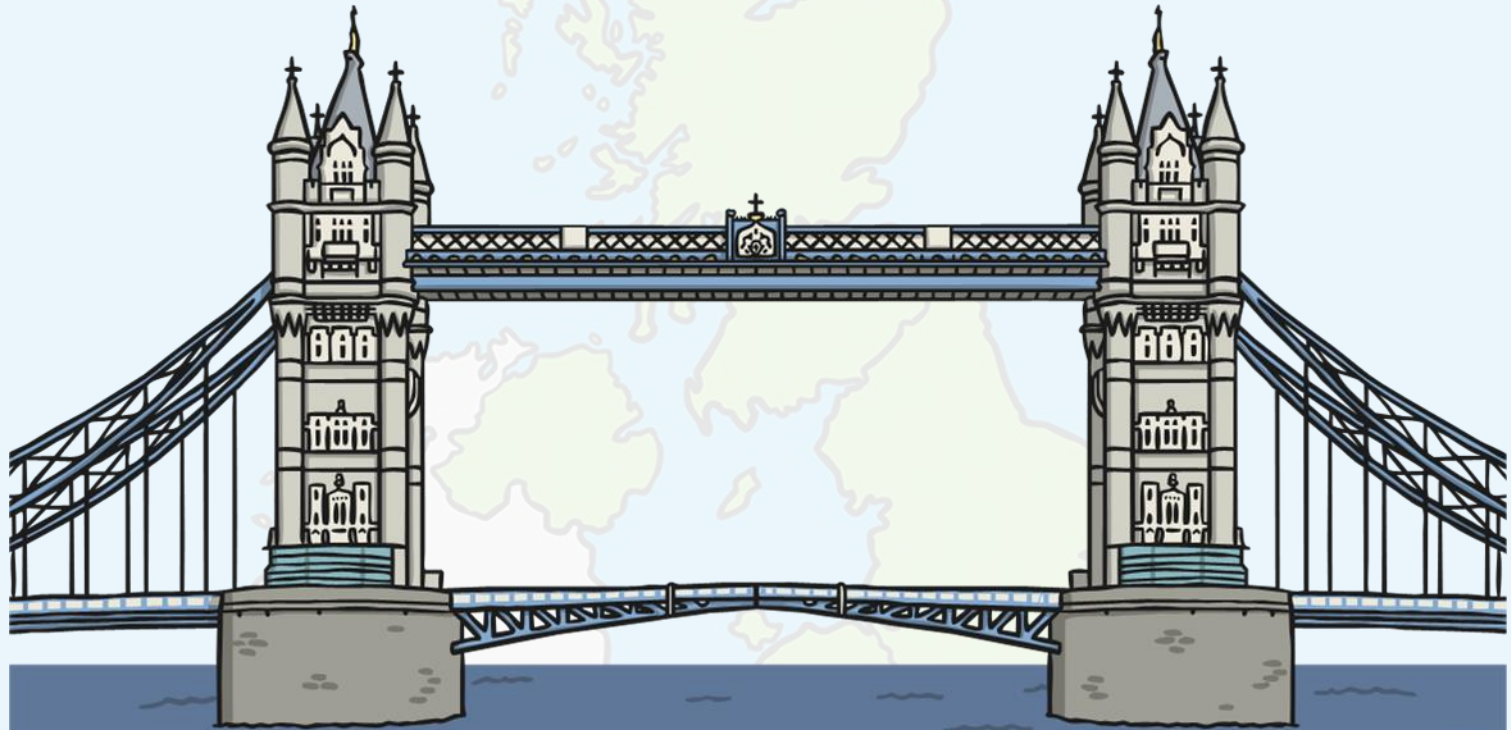


# Big Ben



The tower is known as Elizabeth Tower but most people call it Big Ben. However, Big Ben is actually the name of the 13-ton bell inside the clock.

# Tower Bridge



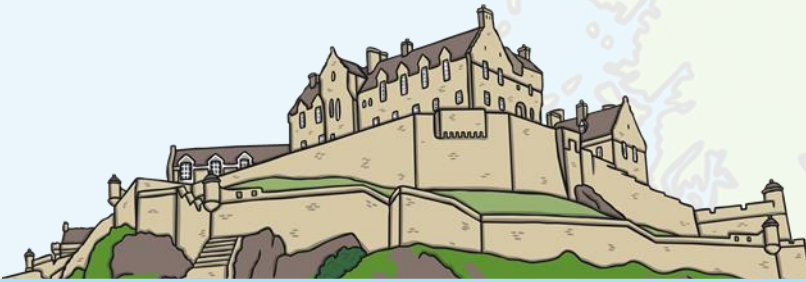
Tower Bridge, standing at 244m high, was opened in 1894. It is named after The Tower of London.

# Edinburgh

The capital city of Scotland is Edinburgh.

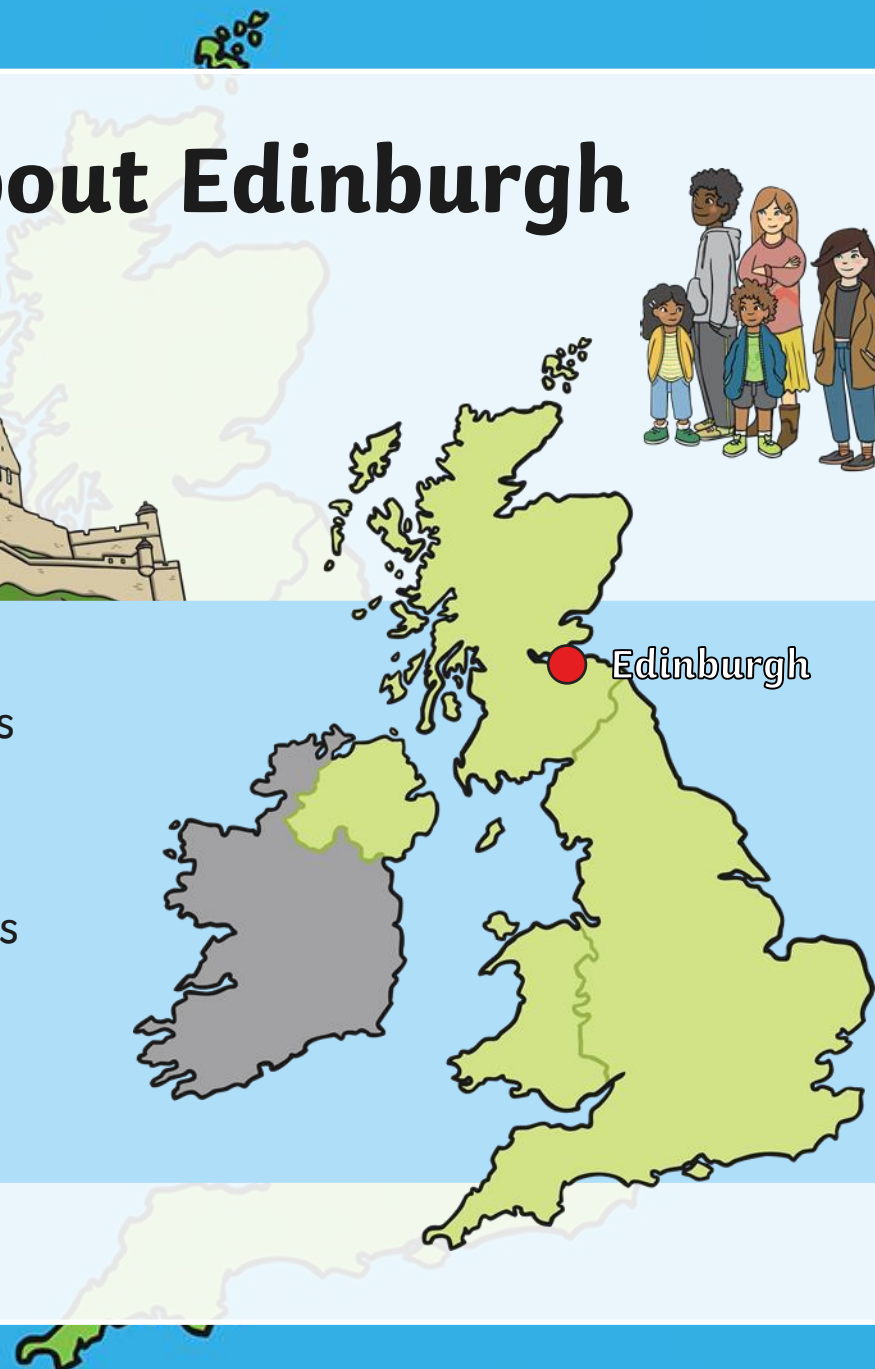


# Facts about Edinburgh

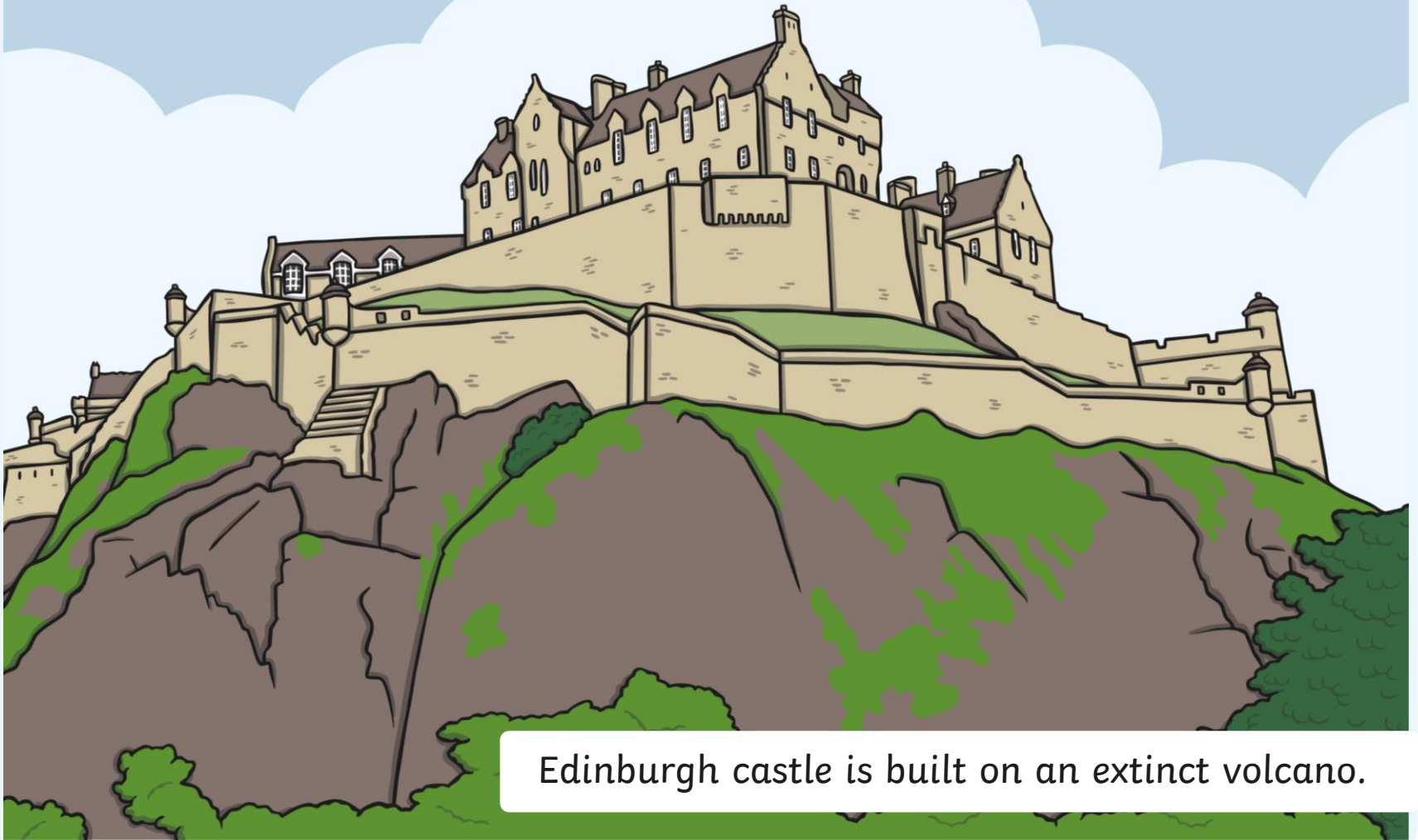


Edinburgh is the second biggest city in Scotland. It is estimated 489,000 people live in Edinburgh (2019).

The main spoken language is English. In addition to this 1.4% of the population also speak Gaelic.



# Edinburgh Castle



Edinburgh castle is built on an extinct volcano.

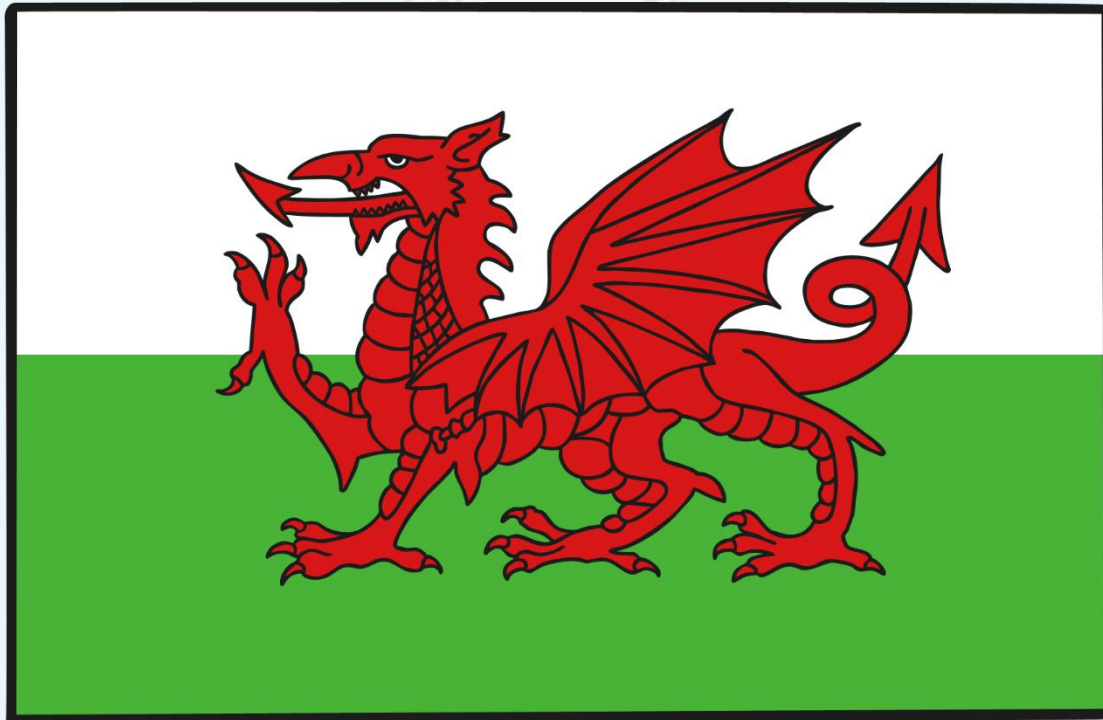
# Edinburgh Fire Service

Edinburgh was the first city in the world to have its own fire service.

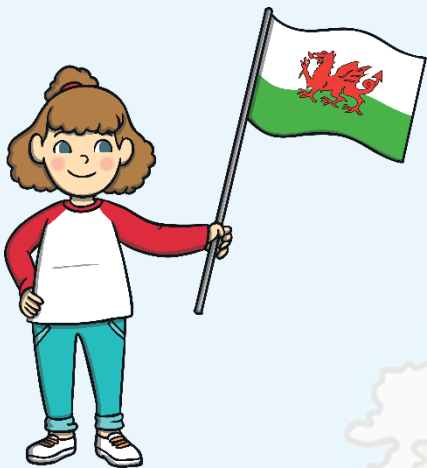


# Cardiff

The capital city of Wales is Cardiff. It is the smallest capital city in Europe.



# Facts about Cardiff



Cardiff is the largest city in Wales. It is estimated that 477,627 people live there (2020). The main spoken language is English and only 10% of the population in Cardiff speaks Welsh.





# City of Castles

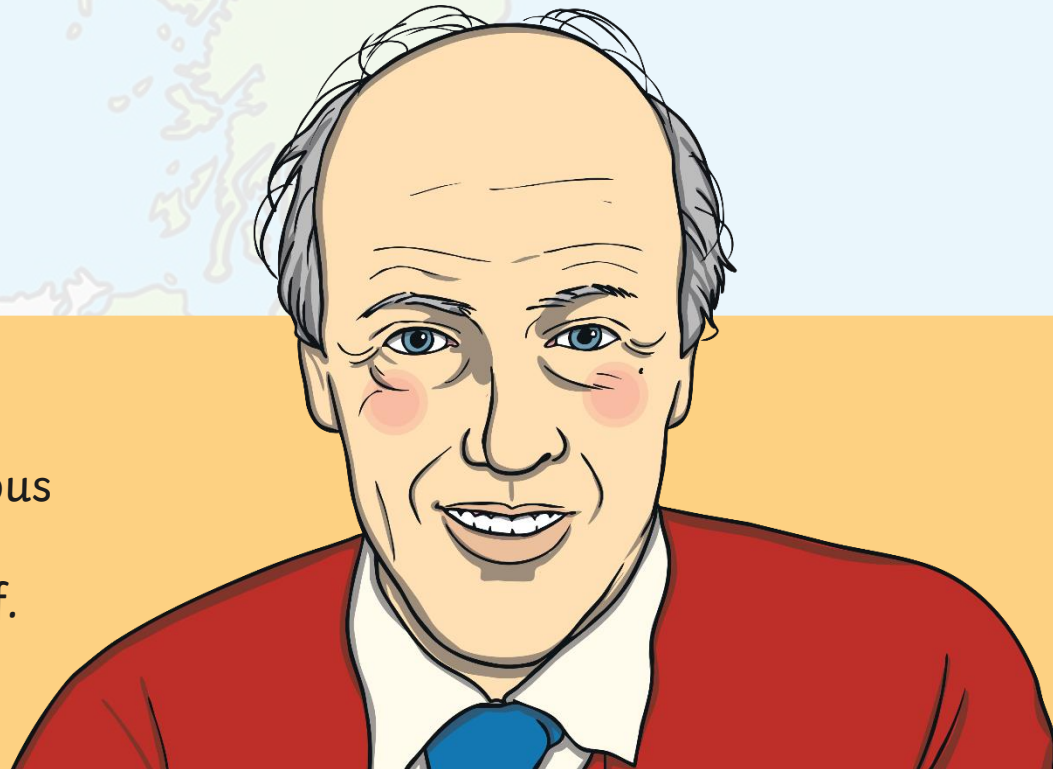
There are three castles still standing in Cardiff: Cardiff Castle, St Fagan's Castle and Castell Coch Castle.



St Fagan's Castle

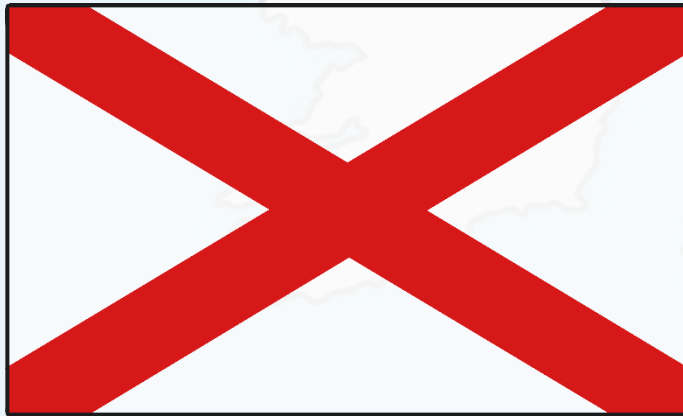
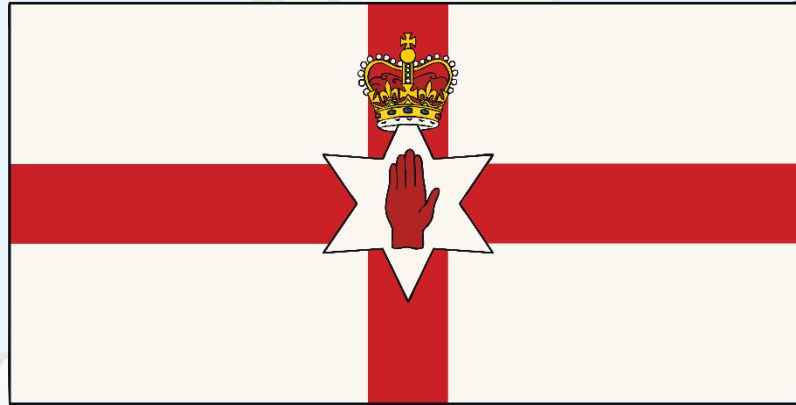
# Roald Dahl

Roald Dahl, a famous children's author, was born in Cardiff.

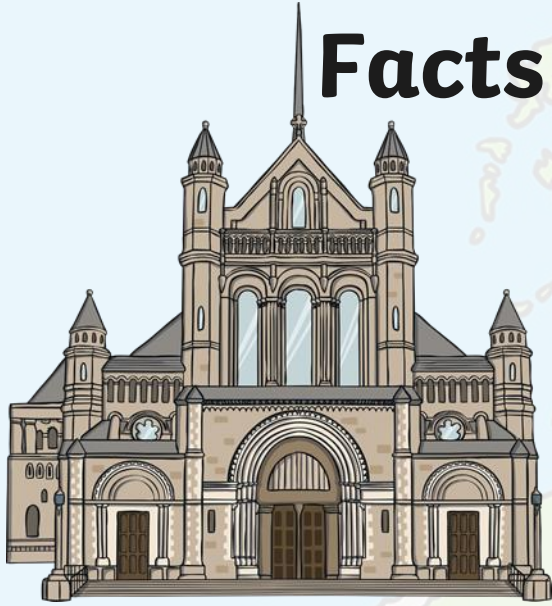


# Belfast

The capital city of Northern Ireland is Belfast.



# Facts about Belfast



Belfast is the largest city in Northern Ireland. It is estimated 585,000 live in and around the Belfast area (2019).



# The Titanic

The world famous ship, The Titanic, was constructed in Belfast.

