

England and Wales

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England and Wales are two countries out of four that make up the United Kingdom and have their colours in the Union Jack flag. The other two countries are Scotland (with which England shares a border) and Northern Ireland. England and Wales share a border and also include parts of the UK's longest river, the River Severn. English is spoken in both countries, but in addition to this, many people in Wales speak Welsh.

There is plenty of traditional music and dance in both countries, including clog dancing as well as traditional industries such as coal mining. In addition to this, Wales has a big tradition of male voice choir singing whilst morris dancing and sword dancing are more specific to England. Wales, however, does have a large tradition of Eisteddfods which are festivals of literature, song and dance and include some serious competition.



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England and Wales Comprehension Questions

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Use the information in the text to compare and contrast the following:

1. List the things that England and Wales have in common.
2. List the things that England has that Wales does not.
3. List the things that Wales has that England does not.