Lesson 3
THE UNITED KINGDOM

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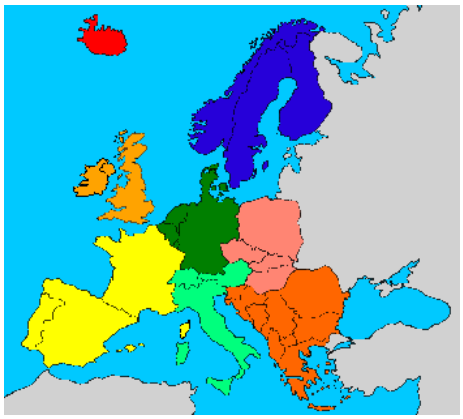
Read this text quickly, without understanding every word. Where can you find a text like this?

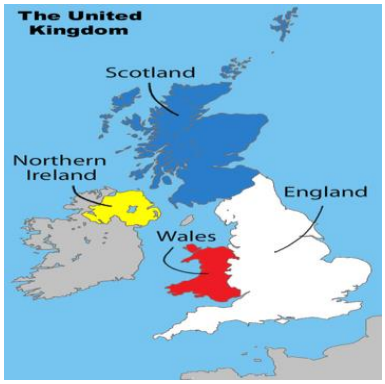
Visit the British Isles!



The British Isles **are situated on the** west side of Europe.

Geographically

The British Isles are ***made up of*** **two** main islands, **Great Britain** and **Ireland.**



Politically
the two islands are **made up of:**

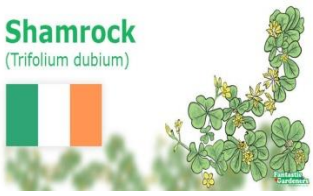
a) the **United Kingdom**,
which **includes Great Britain (**with **England, Scotland** and **Wales**) and **Northern Ireland** The population of the United Kingdom is about 59 **million**. That's **6 times more** than Greece. About 10-12 million people live in London, its capital. London is about **twice as big as** Athens.

b) the **Republic of Ireland**,
in the southern part of Ireland. The Republic of Ireland has a population of 3,7 million**. One third of** its people live in its capital, Dublin.

Each country has a ***national flower.***

The national flower of **England** is the rose;

for **Wales**, the daffodil;

for Scotland, the thistle

and for the **Republic of Ireland**, the shamrock.