

**The United Kingdom of
Great Britain and Northern Ireland**





Great Britain

England

Scotland

Wales

Northern Ireland

Adjectives

British

English

Scottish

Welsh

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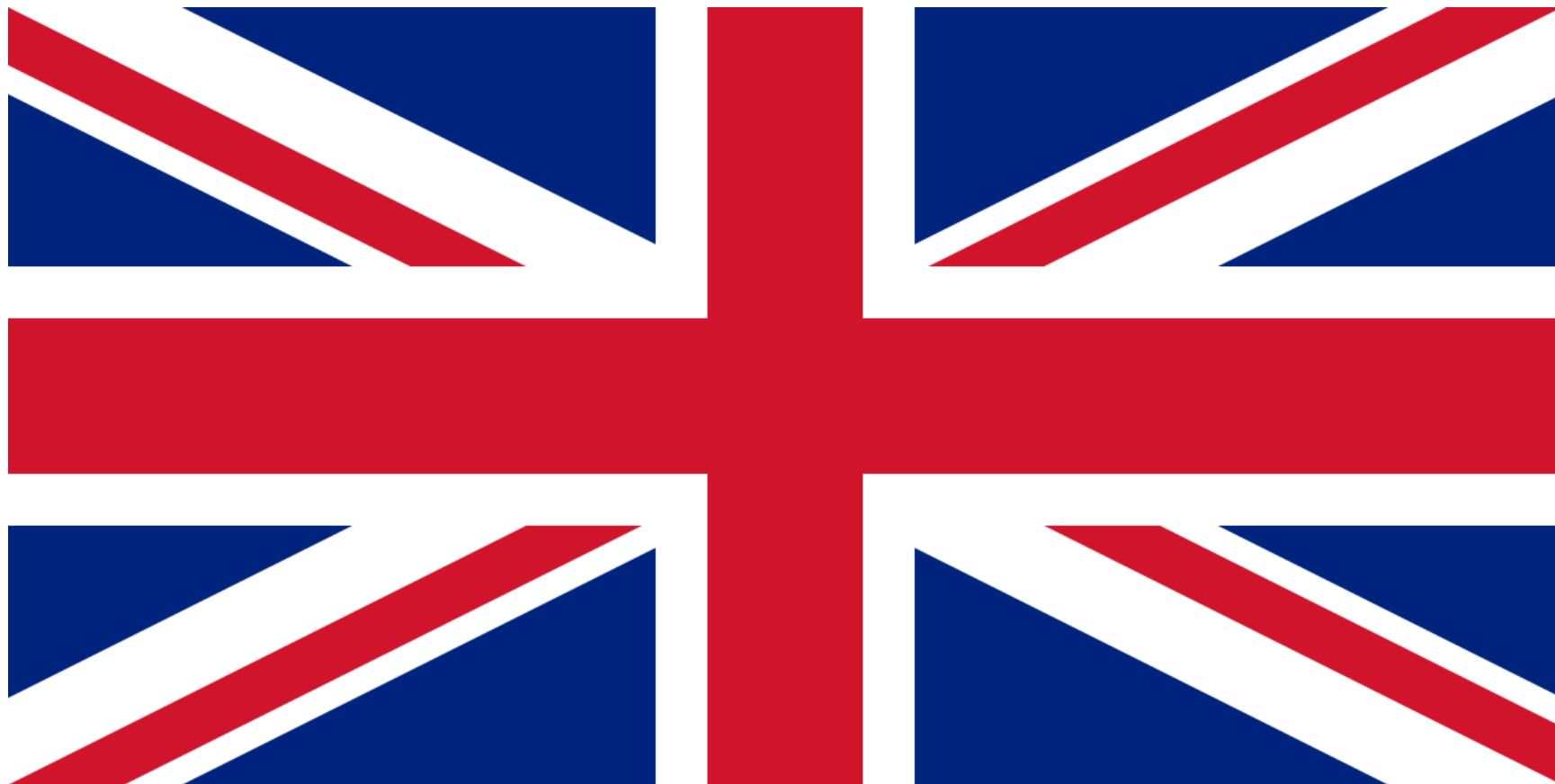


- The UK consists of four parts: England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.
- The capital of England is London.
- The capital of Scotland is Edinburgh.
- The capital of Wales is Cardiff.
- The capital of Northern Ireland is Belfast.

Edinburgh

Belfast

**The flag of the United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland, commonly known as
the **Union Jack****



The flag combines aspects of three older national flags:

- the red cross of St George for the Kingdom of England,
- the white saltire of St Andrew for Scotland,
- the red saltire of St Patrick to represent Ireland.

Wales is not represented separately in the Union Flag, as the flag was designed after the invasion of Wales in 1282. Hence Wales as a home country today has no representation on the flag.

The **flag of England** is derived from
St George's Cross



The **Flag of Scotland**, also known as **St Andrew's Cross**



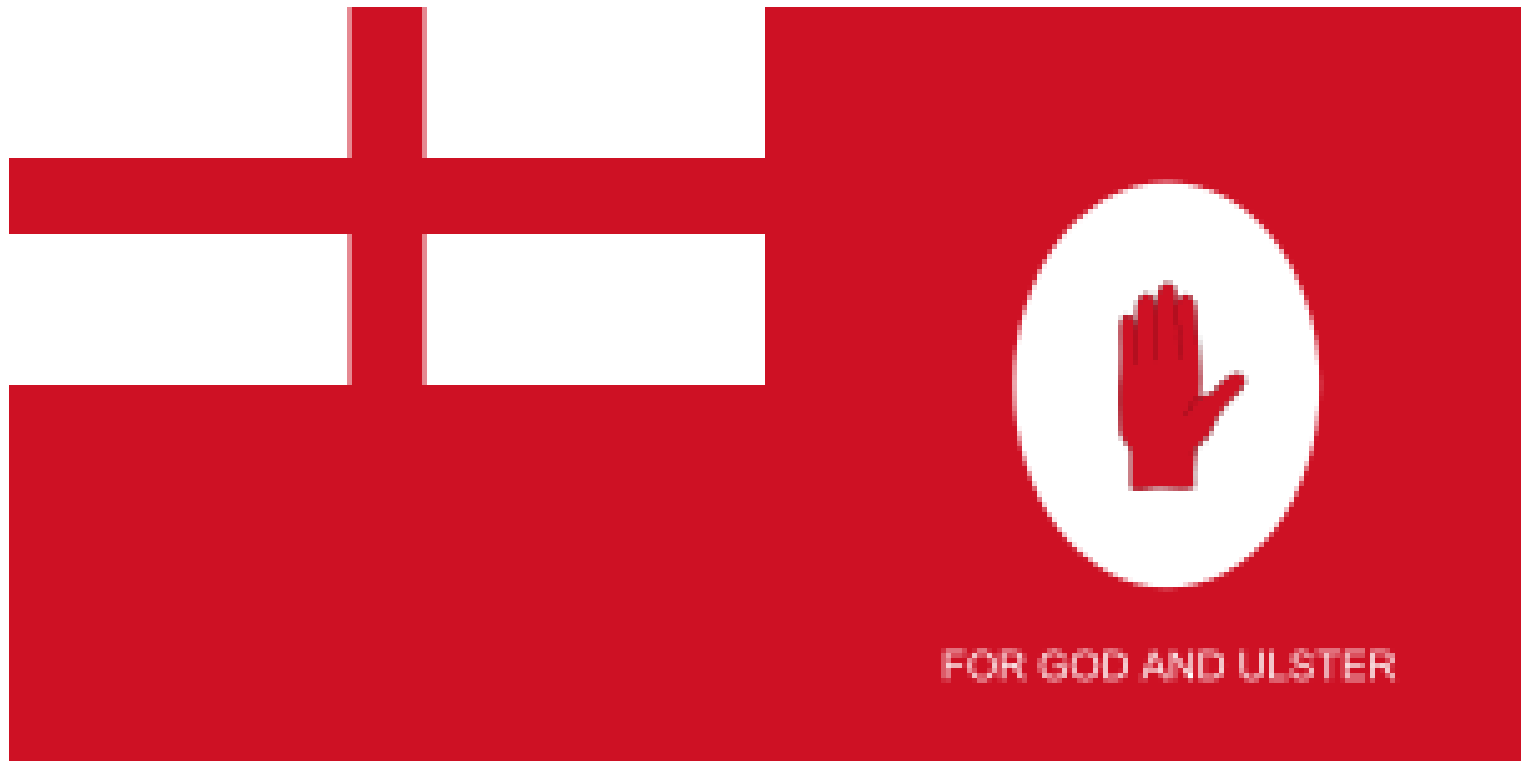
The **flag of Northern Ireland**, also
known as **St Patrick's Cross**



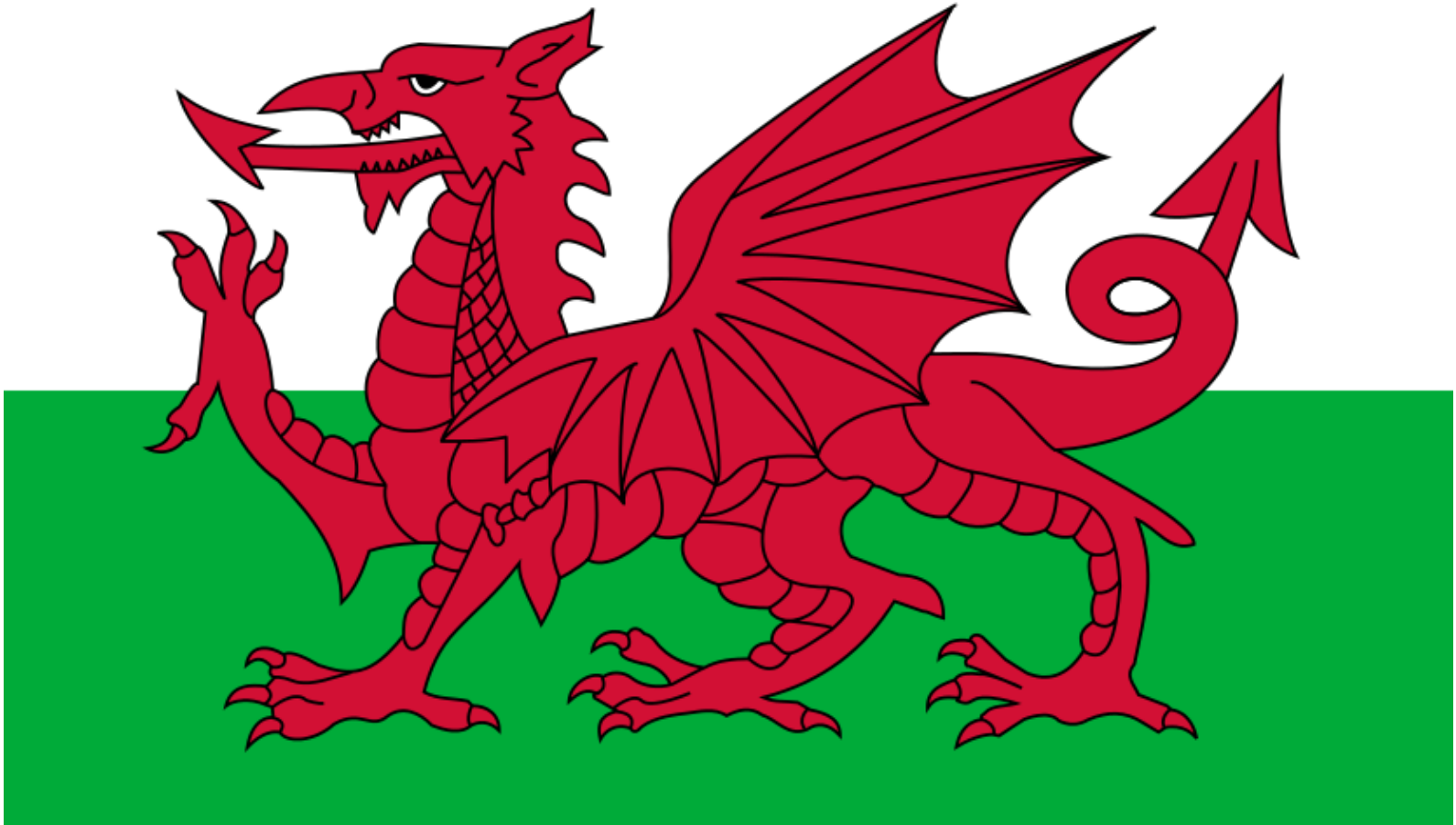
The Ulster Banner



A loyalist flag bearing the Red Hand of Ulster and the loyalist slogan "For God and Ulster"



The **flag of Wales** consists of a red dragon on a green and white field.



Royal Coat of Arms of the United Kingdom



The royal coat of arms of the United Kingdom, or the Royal Arms for short, is the official coat of arms of the British monarch, currently Queen Elizabeth II.

The Royal Coat of Arms features a shield divided into four quarters.

The quarters represent the symbols of Ireland, England, and Scotland.

Wales is not represented in the Royal Coat of Arms as when the Act of Union came about the Kingdom of Wales was already integral to England.

The upper left and lower right quarters of the shield feature the three lions of England.

In the top right is the lion rampant, Scotland's royal symbol.

In the lower left is a harp which represents Ireland.

The circlet is surrounding the shield.

Above the shield is the royal crown which is topped with a golden crowned lion.

A golden lion royally crowned, and another smaller golden lion standing on a royal crown; gold and ermine mantle.

A lion, representing England, stands on the left side.

A unicorn, representing Scotland, stands on the right side.

According to ancient legends, a free unicorn was a dangerous beast. Therefore the heraldic unicorn is chained.

The lion and unicorn stand upon a small greenery.

It features a thistle, Tudor rose and Shamrock. They respectively represent Scotland, England and Ireland.

Along the greenery we can see the motto of English monarchs: “Die et mon Droit” (God and my Right).

The national animals of the United Kingdom



Royal Arms of England



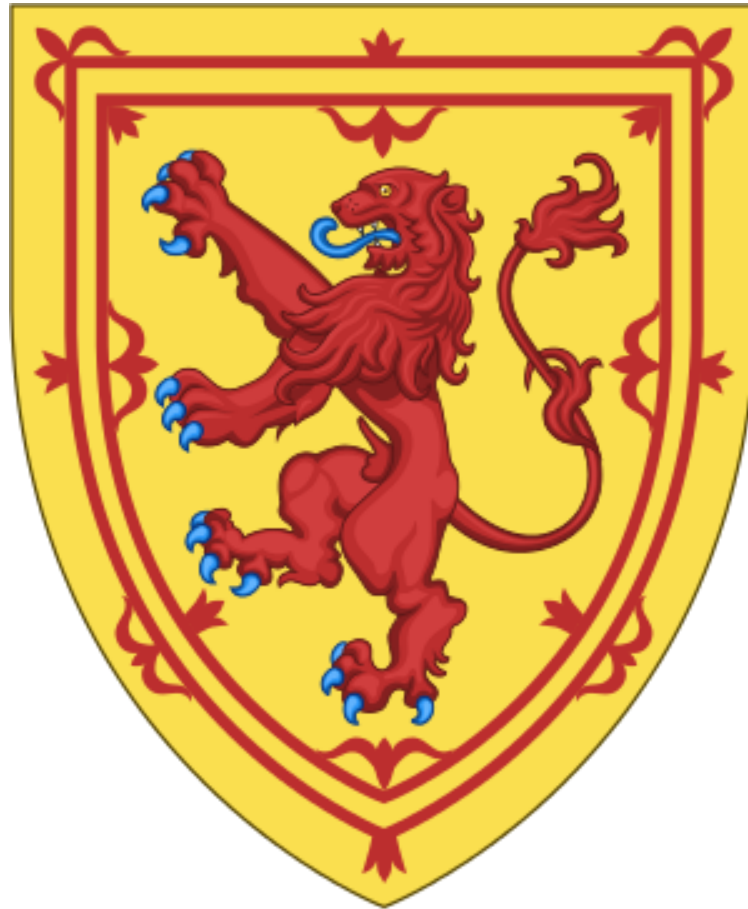
The national animal of England is the
lion



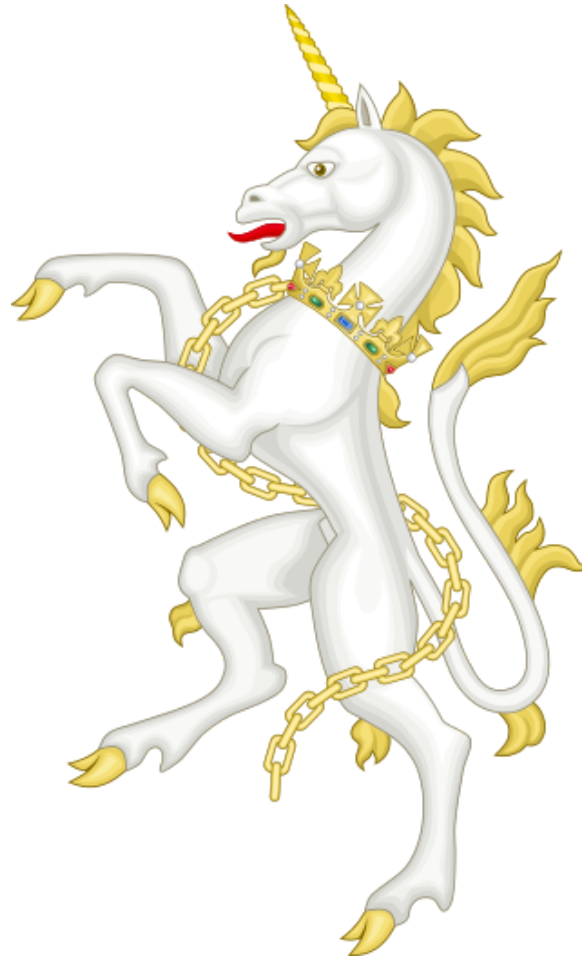
The national flower of England is
Tudor Rose



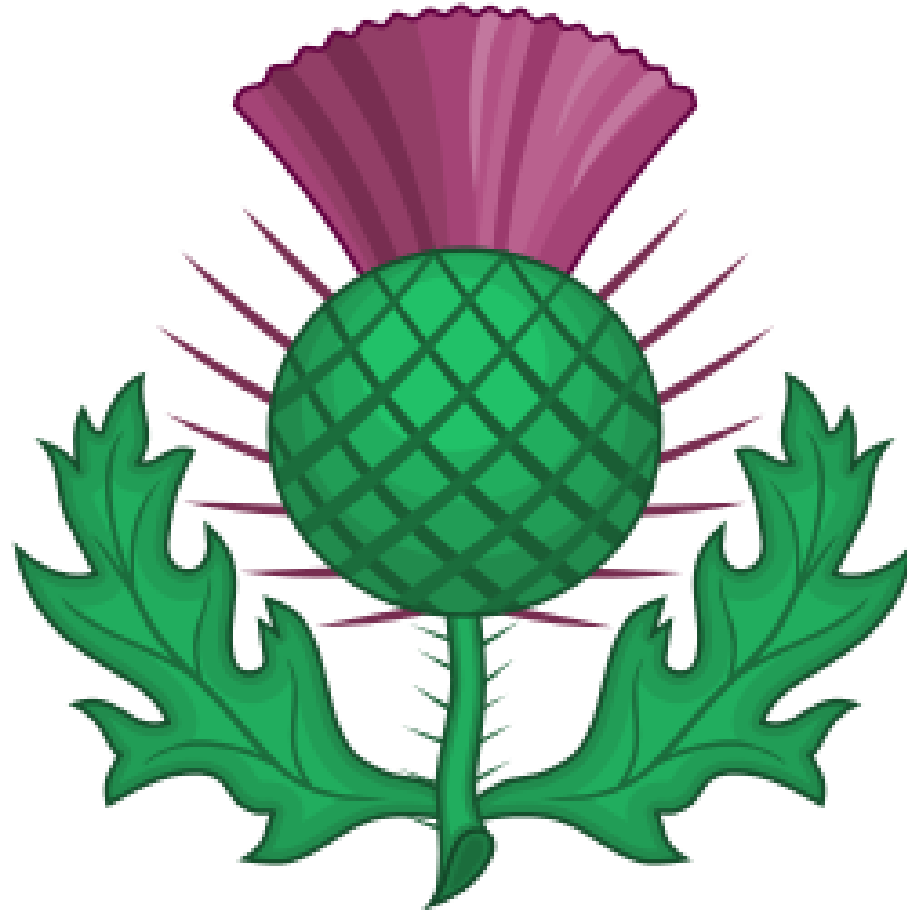
Royal Arms of Scotland



The national animal of Scotland is
the unicorn



The national flower of Scotland is
the thistle



The national animal of Wales is
the Red Dragon



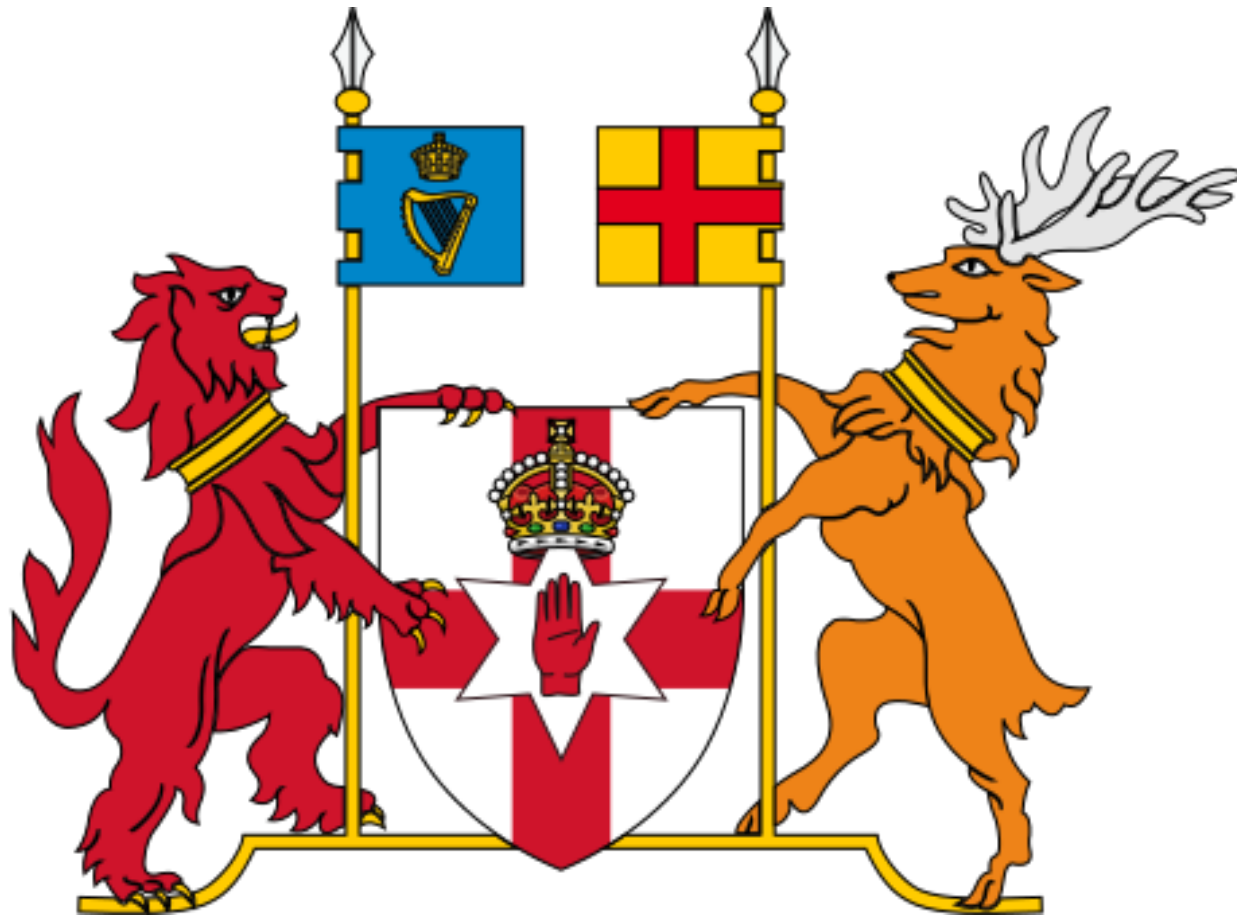
The national flower of Wales is the daffodil



The Leek is also the national emblem
of Wales



The former Coat of Arms of Northern Ireland



The national flower of
Northern Ireland is
the **shamrock** (трилистник)



- The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is a sovereign state in Europe.
- It includes the island of Great Britain (the name of which is also applied to the whole country), the north-eastern part of the island of Ireland and many smaller islands.

- Northern Ireland is the only part of the UK that shares a land border with another state — the Republic of Ireland.
- The UK is surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean, with the North Sea to its east and the English Channel to its south. The Irish Sea lies between Great Britain and Ireland.

- The total area of the United Kingdom is 242,500 sq km (square kilometres).
- The population of the UK is over 66 million people (as of 2017).
- The capital of the UK is London, an important global city and financial centre with an urban population of around 10 million people.

- The largest cities of the UK are London, Manchester, Birmingham, Leeds, Glasgow, Liverpool, Southampton, Nottingham, Sheffield, Bristol, Edinburgh.
- The longest rivers of the UK are the Severn, the Thames, the Trent.
- The highest mountain of the UK is Ben Nevis standing at 1,345 metres above sea level.

- The United Kingdom is a parliamentary constitutional monarchy.
- The British parliament consists of the House of Lords (the upper house) and the House of Commons (the lower house).
- A king or a queen is the Head of the State.
- The current monarch is King Charles III (since 8 September 2022).
- The official title of King Charles III is King of the United Kingdom and the 14 other Commonwealth realms.
- Charles became king upon his mother's death on 8 September 2022.
- At the age of 73, he became the oldest person to accede to the British throne, after having been the longest-serving heir apparent and Prince of Wales in British history.
- His coronation took place at Westminster Abbey on 6 May 2023.

The United Kingdom is a highly developed industrial country.

The United Kingdom is a member of the Commonwealth of Nations, the Council of Europe, the G7, the G20, NATO, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Interpol and the World Trade Organization (WTO).

The Brexit referendum took place on 23 June 2016 resulted in 51.9% of votes being in favour of leaving the EU.

Queen Elizabeth II



Coronation portrait of Elizabeth and Philip (June 1953)



Queen Elizabeth II wearing the Imperial Crown

The Imperial Crown (also the Imperial State Crown) symbolizes the sovereignty of the monarch.

Its weight is around one kilogram.

The current version was made in 1937.

The Imperial Crown is worn by the monarch at the annual State Opening of Parliament.

The crown is adorned with 2,901 precious stones, including the Cullinan II diamond, St Edward's Sapphire, the Stuart Sapphire, and the Black Prince's Ruby.



Queen Elizabeth II wearing the diamond tiara and diamond necklace



- The Prime Minister is the Head of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom.
- The current British Prime Minister is **Rishi Sunak** (since 25 October 2022).
- There are two main political parties in the UK. They are: the Conservative Party and the Labour Party.

Rishi Sunak

(born 12 May 1980)



The two most famous British Prime Ministers

- Winston Churchill
- Margaret Thatcher

Sir Winston Churchill (1874 – 1965) was the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 1940 to 1945 and again from 1951 to 1955.



Margaret Thatcher (1925 – 2013)
was the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from
1979 to 1990

