

General aspects of the UK GYMKHANA


This activity will be carried out in the first session of the didactic unit “*Learning about the UK*”, after showing the presentation video and introducing the topic.

The groups of this gymkhana will be the same than the ones for the rest of the “project”, so the base groups already created by the tutors. And the place where it will be done is the second floor, so where the 6th grade classrooms are placed.

The idea is that in each station they will have to complete a concrete activity at the same time that they fill a mini-dossier. Sometimes the activity itself will give the answers to the questions and tasks of the dossier, but in some others they will have to finish the station first in order to obtain the correspondent “*Magic Envelope*”, which will give the missing answers of the exercise.

MANAGEMENT of Session 1:

STEPS	PARTS OF THE SESSION	ACTIONS AND OBSERVATIONS	TIMING (aprox)
1	Presentation of the video	Video reproduction presenting the topic	5 min
2	Brief explanation of the project	Overview of the whole project, explaining the organization of the project, objectives and the gymkhana explanation.	10 min
3	Gymkhana	See below (grid)	40 min
4	Closure of the session	Some comments and clarifications	5 min

Nº & NAME	TITLE OF THE ACTIVITY	EXPLANATION OF THE ACTIVITY	MATERIALS	OBSERVATIONS
STATION 1 General aspects of the UK	<i>"Building the Union Jack"</i> 	There will be given the different crosses and backgrounds of the flags of England, Scotland, and Ireland. They will also have with them a cardboard to see the entire formation of the flags of the 4 countries that form the Uk.	1- Cardboard with the different flags drawn and with its country names and Saints written down. 2- The different pieces of flags that will build the Union Jack. 3- Note with the explanation of why Wales' flag is not included.	They will realize that Wales' flag is not needed to build the Union Jack. They will find a short note that will say: The Welsh dragon was not incorporated into the Union Flag because Wales had already been united to England when the first version of the Union Flag was designed.
STATION 2 London (capital)	<i>Memory with London monuments and places</i>	They will have to play a typical "Memory Game" with the London monuments presented on the dossier.	Memory Game	There will be two pictures of each monument with its names written down.
STATION 3 England	<i>Which is which? (variation of Who is Who)</i>	They will have to link some traditions from England with their correspondent pictures.	1- Pictures 2- Sentences with the traditions written down.	They can have a Dictionary placed on this station just in case they need to search for something.
STATION 4 Scotland	<i>"Is it real?"</i>	There will be two big circles on the floor. One green and the other red. So they will have to read some cards with some curious facts of Wales, and they will have to decide whether they are true or false, and place them in the right column.	1- Green rope (T) 2- Red rope (F) 3- Game cards	They will not be given the final card with the information they need until all the game cards are in the right circle. A dictionary can also be placed in this station.

<p><u>STATION 5</u> Wales</p>	<p><i>Spell the village</i></p>	<p>The aim of this station will be to write the name of the longest village' name of the world in the less time possible, placed in Wales. They will be given the individual letters that compose it and the whole name written on a cardboard.</p>	<p>1- All the single letters to build the entire name of the village.</p> <p>2- The whole name written apart on a cardboard.</p> <p><u>Name of the town:</u> (Llanfairpwllgwyn gyllogerychwyrn drobwlllantysiliog ogogoch)</p>	<p>If possible, a chronometer can be placed for them to calculate by themselves the time they last.</p>
<p><u>STATION 6</u> Northern Ireland</p>	<p><i>Astonishing truths</i></p>	<p>They will have to link the beginning of the curiosity or tradition of Northern Ireland that fits with its explanation.</p>	<p>Cards with the facts written down (titles and explanations aside)</p>	<p>They can also have a dictionary.</p>



Learning about the UK

GYMKHANA



Before becoming researchers and experts of the different parts of the UK, you should know the most important aspects of its four countries and capital.

I can share with you the information that I found in my research, but I think that the best way to do it is playing. It is for this that I created a gymkhana that will help all of you to continue your investigations.

COME ON AND GOOD LUCK!



STATION 1

General aspects of the UK

1. Can you name the 4 countries that form the UK?

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)

2. Which is the Capital of the UK? Circle the correct answer.

- a. Cardiff b. Glasgow c. London d. Belfast

3. Which is the official language of the UK?

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4. How many inhabitants does the UK have?

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5. Which form of government does it have?

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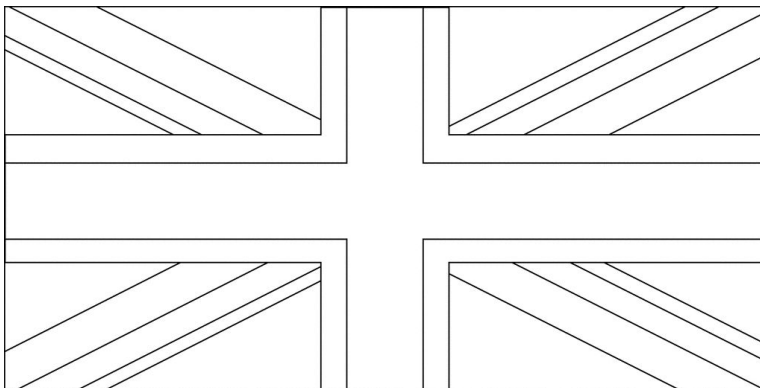
6. What is the name of the monarch (queen)?

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7. Which is the UK currency?

- a. Euro b. Pound Sterling c. Dollar d. Yen

8. Paint the Union flag with the correct colors:



STATION 2

Capital of the UK

1. What is the name of the Capital of the UK?

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2. How many inhabitants does it have?

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3. What is the name of the river that crosses it?

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4. Complete the following words to discover 5 very important monuments and places of London.



1) B _ _ _ B _ _ _



2) B _ C K _ _ _ H _ _ _ P _ L _ _ _



3) T _ W _ _ _ B _ _ _ _ G _ _



4) L _ _ _ _ _ N _ _ Y _ _



5) T _ _ F _ _ _ _ R S _ _ _ R _ _

STATION 3

England



1. Paint the area where England is located.

2. How many inhabitants does it have?

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3. What is the name of the capital of this country?

- a. Sidney b. Ottawa c. Edimburg d. London

4. Write the number of every tradition under the correct picture.

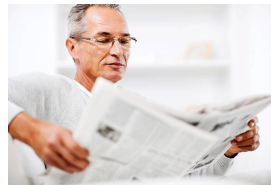
1. Drinking **tea** 2. Reading the **newspaper** 3. Taking the **double-decker bus**

4. Having **eggs and bacon** for breakfast 5. Playing **cricket**

6. Eating **fish and chips** for lunch 7. Taking the **subway**















STATION 4

Scotland









1. Paint the area where Scotland is located.

2. What is the name of the capital of this country?

b. Canberra b. Ottawa c. Edimburg d. London

3. Are the following sentences from Scottish traditions

True (T) or False (F)?

1- It is very common in Scotland to play the BAGPIPE .		T	F
2- Scottish men and women usually dress with " KILTS ", which are a type of skirt.		T	F
3- The main dish is " HAGGIS ", made with sheep's heart, lung and liver.		T	F
4- Golf is very common		T	F
5- The famous drink " whiskey " is from Scotland as well.		T	F
6- It is obligatory to have a camera in the front part of all the cars.		T	F

7- In Scotland, kids become **adults** at 14 years old.



T

F

STATION 5

Wales

1. Paint the area where England is located.

2. What is the name of the capital of this country?

- a. Cardiff b. Ottawa c. Edimburg d. London

3. Which are the two official languages spoken in Wales?

- a- Swedish b- English c- Finnish d- Welsh

4. Link the 7 wonders of Wales to their correspondent pictures.

1- Pistyll Rhaeadr Waterfall

2- St Giles' Church

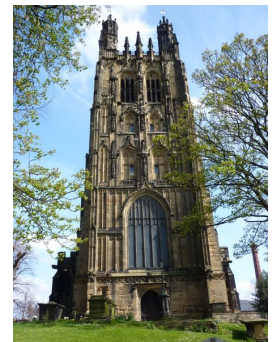
3- Snowdon Mountain

4- The Yew Trees

5- St Winefride's Well

6- Llangollen bridge

7- Gresford Bells



STATION 6

Northern Ireland







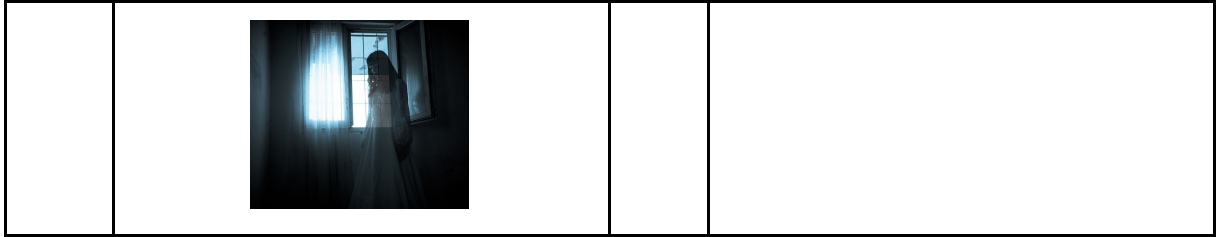
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2. What is the name of the capital of this country?

- a. Canberra b. Ottawa c. Belfast d. London

3. Match the following curiosities about Northern Ireland with its explanations.

1	Technically, it is illegal to go to the cinema on Sundays. 		However, in Scotland it rains even more.
2	There's an annual bog snorkelling competition . 		It is usually complemented with tomato ketchup.
3	On average, it rains 157 days a year in Belfast. 		Started in 1976 because of a conversation among friends in a bar.
4	It is usual to eat chips sandwiches 		You can be fined up to £50.
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BIG BEN

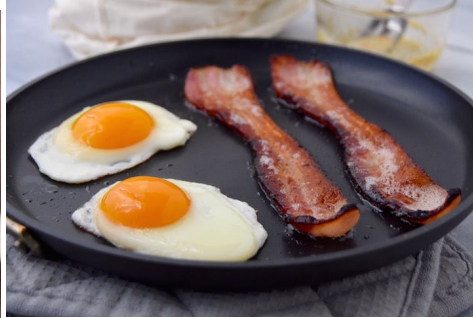
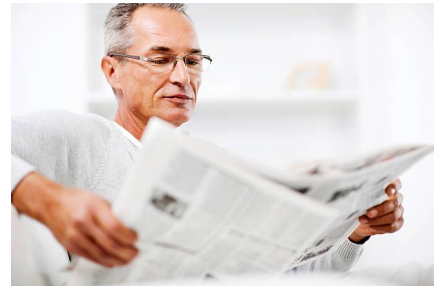
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LONDON EYE

TRAFALGAR SQUARE

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

DRINKING TEA
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TAKING THE SUBWAY







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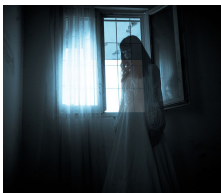


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