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A large photograph of the Tower Bridge in London, spanning the River Thames. The bridge's two massive stone towers and the suspension cables are clearly visible against a blue sky with some clouds. In the foreground, the river water is calm. A small red double-decker bus is positioned on the bridge's walkway, just above the word 'Welcome' in the title.

Welcome to the UK



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LET'S START!



The **United Kingdom**, or the UK, is in north-west Europe and is made up of four countries. The island of Great Britain contains England, Wales and Scotland. The fourth country is the northern part of the island called Ireland.



Each country has got a flag:

England



Wales



Northern Ireland



Scotland



The UK has got its own flag. This flag represents all of the countries. It's called the **Union Jack**, or **Union Flag**.



Let's find out more about the UK!



ENGLAND

England is the largest country in the UK. It is a very green place full of fields, forests, hills and mountains. The scenery is amazing.

London is probably the most well-known city, but other major cities include Birmingham, Manchester, Leeds, Liverpool, Newcastle and Sheffield.

In England there are also many islands such as the Isle of Wight and the Isle of Sheppey. The **ISLE OF WIGHT**, England's biggest island, is a great place to find dinosaur fossils!



There is only a 34-kilometre gap between England and France. The two countries are connected by the Channel Tunnel, which opened in 1994.

