

## FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT THE UK

### Geography

The United Kingdom is an island situated in west northern Europe with a population over 60 million people. The capital is the busy city of London with more than 8.5 million inhabitants.

The country is a political union made up of four countries: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

### Government and Political System

The UK is a democracy with a constitutional monarchy headed by Queen Elizabeth II. The head of Government is currently Mr. Gordon Brown (PM).

### Language

The official language is English although people also speak Gaelic, Welsh and Irish.

### Currency

The local currency is the Pound Sterling (£).

### British people

The British are usually reserved in manners and speech. They are known for their politeness and their sense of humor, which can be hard for foreigners to understand.

### Religion

While the UK is predominantly a Christian country, all religions are represented and respected in our multicultural society. Churches, mosques, temples and synagogues are located in most major cities.

