

**Destination UK – England****Task 1 – A two minute trip to London**

Your teacher is going to take you to London for two minutes! When you come back, make notes here of what you saw. You could draw your ideas too.

**My Trip to London:****Task 2 – English Icons**

What images represent England to you? Work in groups to decide on your top 5 English icons. Write them here:

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

Compare your answers with your classmates.

What icons represent your country? What do you think a British person would put as the top 5 icons of your country? Write your ideas here:

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

Compare your ideas with your classmates and ask your teacher for his/ her opinion.

### Task 3 – Do you know your statistics?

Read the statements about England and try to put the correct number in the gap.

1. More than \_\_\_\_ languages are spoken in London.
2. More than \_\_\_\_% of secondary school children in England don't have English as their first language.
3. The population of the United Kingdom is just over \_\_\_\_\_ million.
4. The population of England is just over \_\_\_\_\_ million.
5. Britain has more people aged over \_\_\_\_\_ than under \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The currency of the UK is the pound. \_\_\_\_\_ pence make one pound.

64, 53, 300, 50, 100, 16, 13

Do you know any similar statistics about your country? Write some statements and test your teacher!

### Task 4 – Reading task: Diverse society, football and food.

This is a text from the British Council's UK In Focus website.

Read the text and then discuss the questions in groups:

- What's the first country you think of when you think of the United Kingdom?

- What's the difference between England, the United Kingdom and Great Britain?
- Have you, or any of your classmates, ever visited any of the cities mentioned in the text?
- Which other famous people do you consider to be English icons?

### **Diverse Society, Football and Food – Living in England.**

#### **Where it is**

England is perhaps the country most people first think of when they think of the United Kingdom. It borders both Scotland and Wales and almost 50 million people live there, which is over 80% of the UK's total population. Major cities include London (the capital), Birmingham, Sheffield, Leeds, Newcastle, and Manchester. London is one of the most well-known cities in the world and for many is representative of the whole of England, if not, the whole of the UK. Other icons include football, actors Jude Law and Kate Winslet, Bridget Jones, pubs and beer. But for most these represent the whole of the UK, not just England.

#### **Indistinct identity?**

Many of the people in our survey, either English by birth or now living here, commented that it was very difficult to distinguish between English and British culture and identity. People found that they often identify more with other things than with England as a country. These other things include: the place or region in which they live, whether it be a major city or one of the English counties such as Yorkshire, Devon or Northumberland; the UK as a whole; or the religious or ethnic community they are from.

### **Task 5 – Cockney rhyming slang**

Did you know that in the East end of London some people use a special sort of slang language to speak to each other?

<b>Cockney Rhyming Slang</b>	<b>Standard English</b>
Apples and pears	Stairs
Dog and bone	Phone
Adam and Eve	believe

Tom Jones	Bones
Uncle Fred	Bread
Sausage	Cash
Loaf of bread	Head
Runner beans	Jeans
Dustbin Lids	Kids
Eiffel Tower	Shower
Baked potato	See you later
Mickey Mouse	House

- Have a look at these examples of Cockney Rhyming Slang, and try to make up a short dialogue using the slang instead of standard English.
- Try and make up some new rhyming slang – you could mix English and your language if you like.

### Task 6 – Where in England....?

....would you got to see the following places? Match the places of interest to the cities / towns below.

1. The home town of The Beatles
2. The home town of Shakespeare
3. The two most famous universities
4. The second largest city after London.
5. A Viking museum or a Viking festival
6. The most South-Westerly point in England.
7. Stonehenge
8. The home of one of the richest football clubs in the world

Cambridge	Manchester	Liverpool	Salisbury Plain	Birmingham	York
Stratford-upon-Avon	Oxford	Lands' End			