

Destination England

Worksheet A – 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 answers with your classmates.

Worksheet B – England – do you know your statistics?

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

60	60	250	50	100	16	9
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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 almost _____ 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.

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

Worksheet C – 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:

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 in 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.

Source: <http://www.britishcouncil.org/ism-ukinfocus-regional-england.htm>

- 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?

Worksheet D – 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?

Cockney Rhyming Slang	English
Apples and pears	Stairs
Dog and bone	Phone
Adam and Eve	Believe
Tom Jones	Bones
Uncle Fred	Bread
Sausage and mash	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 language instead of the English words.
- Try and make up some new rhyming slang! You could mix English and your language if you want.

Worksheet E – Where in England...?

... would you go to see the following places? Match the places of interest to the cities/ towns in the box 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

Do you know where all the places are? Have a look at a map of England and see if you can find the places.