

Regions of England

Cornwall

Cornwall is in the south-west of England. Many of the people there have a Celtic history, like the people in Wales. They have their own language, Cornish, which is like Welsh. But not everybody can speak this language – only a small number of people understand Cornish.

Cornwall has the sea on both sides. It has a long coast. It has many beautiful fishing villages on the coast. Many people from everywhere in the UK and Europe go to Cornwall for their summer holidays. It is the best place in England to go surfing.

East Anglia

East Anglia is in the east of England. It is very flat and has many farms. The main cities are Cambridge, Norwich and Colchester. Colchester used to be the capital of England when the Romans lived here, 2000 years ago. You can see the walls of the Roman city in the centre of Colchester.

Cambridge is famous for its very old university and its beautiful old colleges. Norwich has a beautiful cathedral. Norwich is in Norfolk, the region near to the North Sea. Many people from everywhere in the UK go to Norfolk for their holidays.

The Midlands

The Midlands is in the centre of England. The main cities are Birmingham and Nottingham. Birmingham is a big centre for industry, for factories and making cars, with more than a million people. BMW cars come from a factory in Birmingham. It has many canals and famous football teams.

Nottingham is the home of Robin Hood, who was the hero of many old stories. Robin Hood took money from the rich and gave it to the poor.

The North

The North is in the north-west and north of England. The main cities are Manchester, the second city of the UK with 2.8 million people, and Liverpool, a large port city.

Liverpool is famous as the home of the Beatles and many other musicians and artists.

Manchester is famous as the home of the Industrial Revolution, where the first factories and the cotton industry started. The first railway in the world went from Manchester to Liverpool in 1830.

North of Manchester is the beautiful landscape of the Lake District with many lakes and mountains where people go for walking holidays.

The North-East

The North-East is on the north-east coast of England, a little south of Scotland. The big cities are Newcastle and Durham. Newcastle is a centre of universities and industry. The famous musician Sting comes from Newcastle. The people of Newcastle are called 'Geordies' and they have a different kind of English. Durham has a very old university and beautiful churches, and the landscape of the North-East is also very beautiful.

The South coast

The South Coast is in the south of England, on the sea. It is opposite the coast of France. Many people from everywhere in the UK and Europe go to the south coast for the weekend, or for their summer holidays. Near Brighton are places like Hove, Shoreham, Eastbourne, Hastings where people go for holidays. On the South Coast you can get boats to go to France it is not far.

New words for this article

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| 1 | Welsh | the language of Wales |
| 2 | Cornish | the language of Cornwall |
| 3 | farm | a place to grow food; an agricultural centre |
| 4 | landscape | the countryside |
| 5 | opposite | on the other side from something |

Comprehension questions

- 1 What sport can you do in Cornwall?
- 2 What was the Roman capital city of England?
- 3 What traditional hero lived in Nottingham?
- 4 Why is Liverpool famous?
- 5 Where can you travel from the South Coast?

- Comprehension questions**
- 1 You can go surfing.
 - 2 The Roman capital was Colchester.
 - 3 Robin Hood lived in Nottingham.
 - 4 It is the home of the Beatles.

Answers