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The British Isles

The British Isles is a group of islands in the northwest of Europe. Great Britain and Ireland are the most important islands. England, Scotland and Wales form Great Britain. The United Kingdom or UK is the political name for Great Britain and Northern Ireland.



England → English
 Wales → Welsh
 Scotland → Scottish } → British
 Ireland → Irish



The Union Jack is the name of the British flag. It is the symbol of the union of the countries of the UK.



The Republic of Ireland is an independent republic (Eire), with a different parliament.

1 Abbina i nomi in A con i corrispondenti gruppi di nazioni in B.

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| <p>A</p> <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> The United Kingdom</p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> The British Isles</p> <p>3 <input type="checkbox"/> Great Britain</p> | <p>B</p> <p>a. Great Britain and Ireland</p> <p>b. England, Wales and Scotland</p> <p>c. Great Britain and Northern Ireland</p> |
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2 Guarda la cartina e completa le frasi.

- (1) is the capital of England and of the UK, (2) is the capital of Wales, (3) is the capital of Scotland and (4) is the capital of Northern Ireland. The capital of the Republic of Ireland is (5)

English in the world

Over 380 million people speak English as their first language. For about 470 million people in the world English is the second or official language. Many other countries learn English as a foreign language.



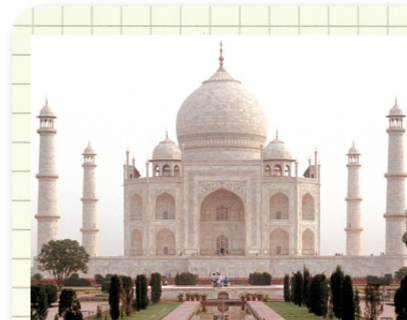
People in the USA speak English, but some words are different. For example, they say *vacation* instead of *holiday*.



People from Australia also speak English. They are called Aussies. Some words, like *boomerang* and *kangaroo*, come from the Aborigine culture.



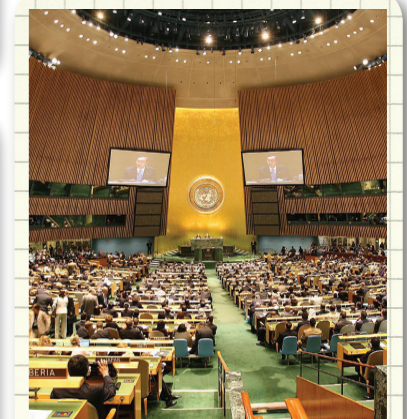
People from New Zealand are called Kiwis. They speak English, too.



English is the second language in India and is very important in economic, industrial and political life.



In Canada and South Africa, English is the first language but people also speak other languages.



International organisations use English for communication.

English as native or first language	British Isles • The USA • Canada Australia • New Zealand • Jamaica South Africa • Other countries	380 million
English as a second language	India • Kenya • Malta • Nigeria Pakistan • Singapore • Tanzania Uganda • Zambia • Fiji • Other countries	470 million
English as a foreign language		750 million

1 Rispondi alle seguenti domande.

- Where do people speak English as a first language?
- Where do people speak English as a second language?
- Do you know a foreign language?
- Why is it important to speak a foreign language?

2 A coppie, elencate il maggior numero di parole inglesi comunemente usate nella lingua italiana.

Information and Communication Technology (I.C.T)

1 Leggi e scrivi.

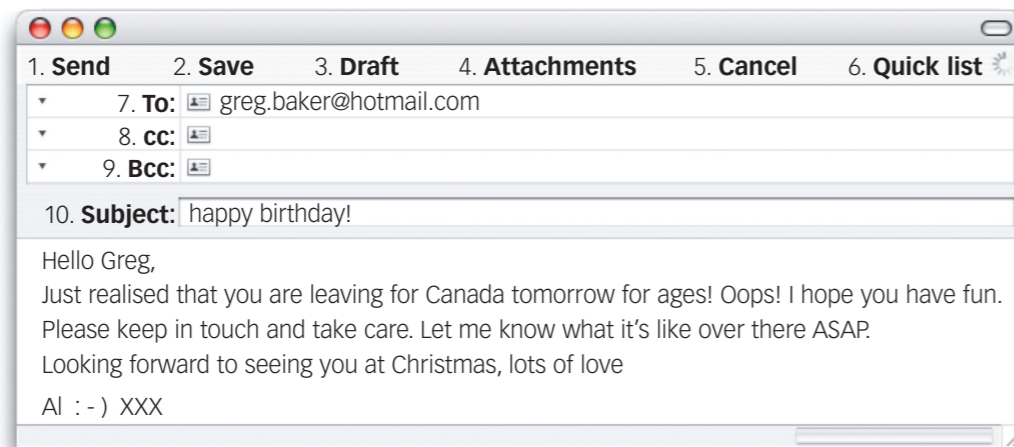
I.C.T., Information and Communication Technology, deals with the exchange of information through technology. You can exchange written texts in several ways. Write the appropriate name under each picture. Choose from:

snail mail • text messages • e-mail



1. 2. 3.

2 Guarda questo messaggio di posta elettronica e abbina ciascun numero alla definizione corrispondente data sotto.



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| a <input type="checkbox"/> the receiver's or recipient's e-mail address | f <input type="checkbox"/> save a message even if it is not finished |
| b <input type="checkbox"/> courtesy copy or carbon copy | g <input type="checkbox"/> send one or more files together with your mail |
| c <input type="checkbox"/> the topic of your mail | h <input type="checkbox"/> save a copy of your mail |
| d <input type="checkbox"/> blind courtesy copy or blind carbon copy | i <input type="checkbox"/> delete |
| e <input type="checkbox"/> click here to send your message | j <input type="checkbox"/> a list of e-mail addresses |

3 Guarda il messaggio e-mail sopra e rispondi alle domande.

1. What is wrong in the message above?
2. What does ASAP mean? As Strange As Possible or As Soon As Possible?
3. Do you understand the emoticon :-)?
4. What do XXX stand for?

Music

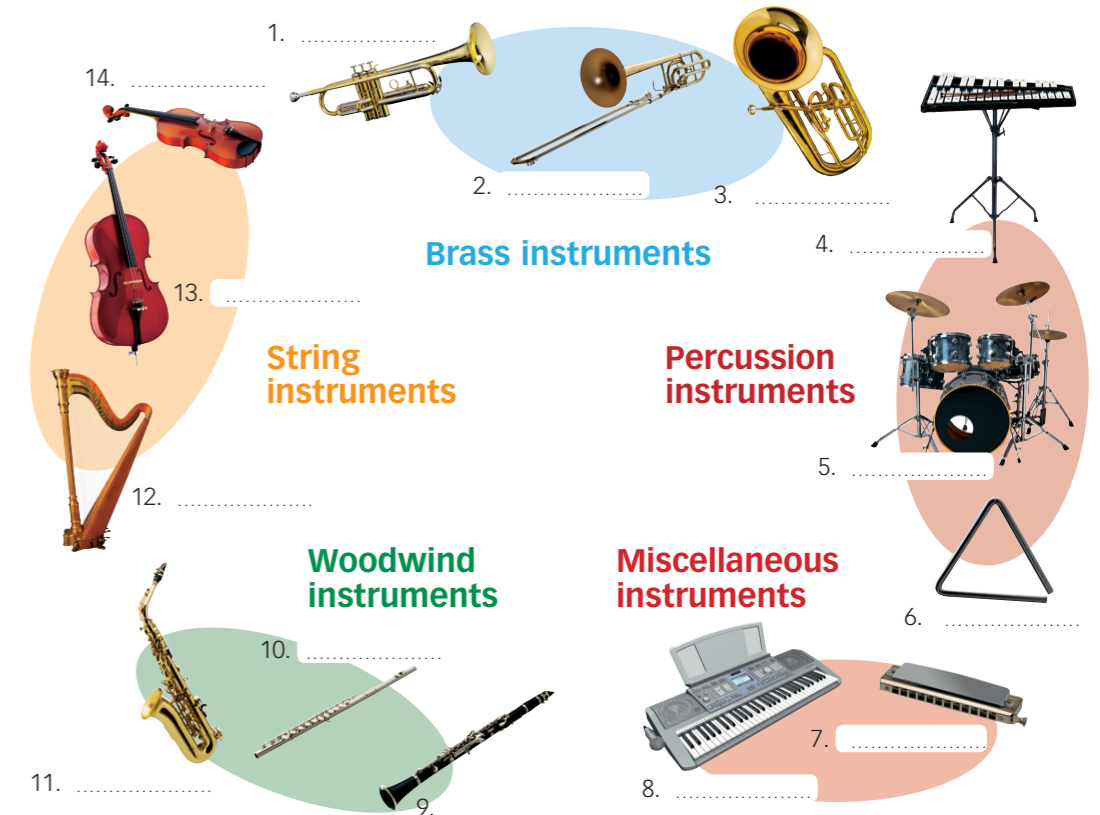
1 Leggi e inserisci la categoria degli strumenti musicali accanto alla definizione corrispondente.

Brass • Percussion • Woodwind • String • Miscellaneous

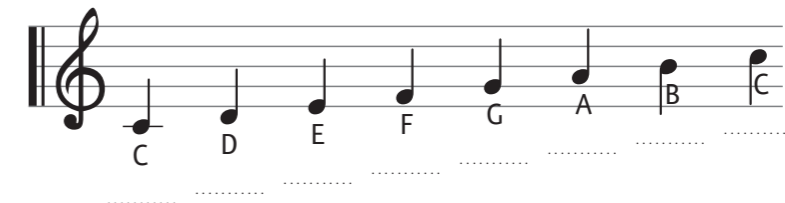
1. instruments: are played by banging or shaking.
2. instruments: are played by plucking, strumming, picking, or bowing the strings.
3. instruments: the sound is produced by the vibration of the reeds in the mouthpiece.
4. instruments: are musical instruments made of brass.
5. instruments: are musical instruments not belonging to the previous categories.

2 Scrivi il nome di ciascuno strumento. Scegli tra:

keyboard • trumpet • triangle • drums • tuba • flute • trombone • orchestra bells • violin • saxophone • cello • harmonica • harp • clarinet



3 Do you know English notes? Scrivi le corrispondenti note italiane sotto alle note inglesi.



Towards Trinity Grade 2

Durante l'esame *Trinity Grade 2* dovrai comprendere le domande e le richieste dell'esaminatore e reagire in modo appropriato. Quando l'esaminatore ti farà alcune semplici richieste dovrai eseguire le sue istruzioni. Quando invece ti farà alcune domande dovrai rispondere brevemente, anche con risposte di una sola parola. Vediamo ora che cosa sei in grado di fare.

1 Leggi le domande e rispondi oralmente. Se vuoi, puoi registrare le tue risposte.

1. L'esaminatore, Mr Anderson, si presenta e ti saluta.
Che cosa rispondi?
2. L'esaminatore ti fa le seguenti domande:
"What day is it today?"
"What's the time?"
"What time do the lessons start at your school?"
"What is your favourite TV programme?"
"What time is it on?"
3. A questo punto, ti mostra questo opuscolo dello zoo di Londra.

London Zoo

Opening Times
10 am - 16.30 pm

Come and watch them eat!
Giraffes eat at: 10.45 am
Polar bears eat at: 15.00 pm
Monkeys eat at: 16.30 pm

Do you want to have a snack with us?
Our café is open from 11.45 am to 14.30 pm.

- Poi, ti rivolge le seguenti domande:
- "What time does the zoo open in the morning?"
 - "Is the zoo open for lunch?"
 - "Is it possible to watch the animals eat?"
 - "What time do the polar bears eat?"
 - "And the monkeys?"
 - "Do the giraffes eat in the afternoon, too?"
 - "What time is the zoo café open?"
 - "When does it close?"

Towards KET (Key English Test)

Il KET (*Key English Test*) è un esame che valuta la tua conoscenza dell'inglese e, in particolare, la capacità di ascoltare, leggere, scrivere, parlare e interagire. È composto da tre parti: *Paper 1 - Reading/Writing; Paper 2 - Listening; Paper 3 - Speaking*. Tutto l'esame, comprese le istruzioni, è in inglese. Per abituarti fin da subito, anche qui ti vengono fornite le istruzioni in inglese, affiancate però dalla traduzione italiana.

In questa sezione potrai esercitarti in alcuni tipi di attività dell'esame KET. Conoscerai così le prove che dovrai affrontare se decidi di sostenere questo esame alla fine dei tre anni di scuola secondaria di primo grado. Vediamo ora un'attività di *Reading*.

1 Match each sentence (1-5) to five of the eight notices (A-H) given below. (Abbina ogni frase, 1-5, a cinque degli otto avvisi, A-H, dati sotto.)

1. The bus stops here.
2. A shirt and a pair of shoes are necessary to go into this place.
3. Bicycles are on this street.
4. This park is not good for bicycles.
5. This place is open for sporting activities at the moment.

WATCH OUT!
BICYCLE LANE!

A

Sports club closed today

B

SHIRT AND SHOES TO ENTER

C

NO PARKING! BUS STOP

D

NO bikes
in park

E

NO CYCLING!
8 am - 2 pm

G

Do not enter

F

SPORTS CLUB
now open!

H