

Destination UK – Wales

Task 1 – Welcome to Wales

What do you know about Wales? Make notes on anything you know about the country. Write or draw your ideas here:

Task 2- Guess the Welsh celebrity

Read the descriptions of four famous Welsh people and try to guess who they are.

A – She was born in South Wales, near Swansea, in 1969. She started acting at an early age and has starred in blockbusters like *The Mask of Zorro*, *Traffic* and *Chicago*. She is married to Hollywood star Michael Douglas and has two children.

B – He was born in South Wales in 1940. He is a singer and his most famous songs are 'It's not unusual', 'Delilah', or 'Sex bomb'. He is well known for wearing tight trousers and exotic shirts on stage.

C – He was born in 1937 in Port Talbot, South Wales, but now he lives in Hollywood. He's a very famous actor. He played the character of Hannibal Lecter in 'The Silence of the Lambs'.

D - She was born in 1984 in Bangor, Wales. She started singing in 2004, and had a huge international hit with her song 'Mercy'. She has won various Grammy music awards.

Task 3 – Wales quiz

See how much you know about Wales by doing this quiz. Circle the correct answer.

What's the capital city of Wales?

- a) Swansea
- b) Cardiff
- c) Newport

What's the population of Wales?

- a) 2.75 million
- b) 3.75 million
- c) 4.75 million

What's the national sport of Wales?

- a) Football
- b) Hockey
- c) Rugby

What's the national emblem of Wales?

- a) Potatoes
- b) Coal
- c) Leeks

What is depicted on the Welsh flag?

- a) a horse
- b) a dragon
- c) a monster

What colour shirt do the Welsh rugby team wear?

- a) red
- b) black
- c) blue

Who is the Patron Saint of Wales?

- a) Saint David
- b) Saint Patrick
- c) Saint George

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What's the name of the Stadium that was built in Cardiff in 1999? It's the 14th largest stadium in Europe.

- a) New Arms Park
- b) The Millennium Stadium
- c) Welsh National Stadium

Task 4 – Living in Wales: Jigsaw reading

Work in groups. Your teacher will give you a short text to read about Wales. Make sure you understand it, as you are going to explain it to your classmates.

Task 5 – Let's learn Welsh!

Did you know that the Welsh language is taught at all schools in Wales and some schools do all their classes in Welsh?

Have a look at these common expressions and try saying them.

- Bore da - *Good morning*
- Prynawn da - *Good afternoon*
- Sut mae? - *How are you?*
- Da iawn - *Very well*
- Diolch - *Thanks*
- Creosol i Gymru - *Welcome to Wales*
- Hwyl - *Goodbye*

Do you think Welsh would be an easy language to learn? Why/Why not?
How many different languages are spoken in your country?

Task 6 – Trip to Wales

You have won a trip to Wales. You will go with your English class and will stay for one week. There are lots of things you can do on holiday in Wales. Below are some of the options. Discuss the options with your group. You must choose the three you would prefer to do.

All of you have to agree, so you may have to persuade your classmates to change their minds!

- Watch a rugby match.
- Learn to speak Welsh.
- Go horse riding in the countryside.
- Do a Welsh cookery course.
- Visit Cardiff Castle.
- Learn to surf at the beach.
- Go to a concert in the Millennium Stadium.
- Go shopping in Cardiff city centre.
- Go out for the evening in Swansea. (Famous for its night life)
- Go mountain biking / quad biking in the countryside.

Our top three activities are:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.