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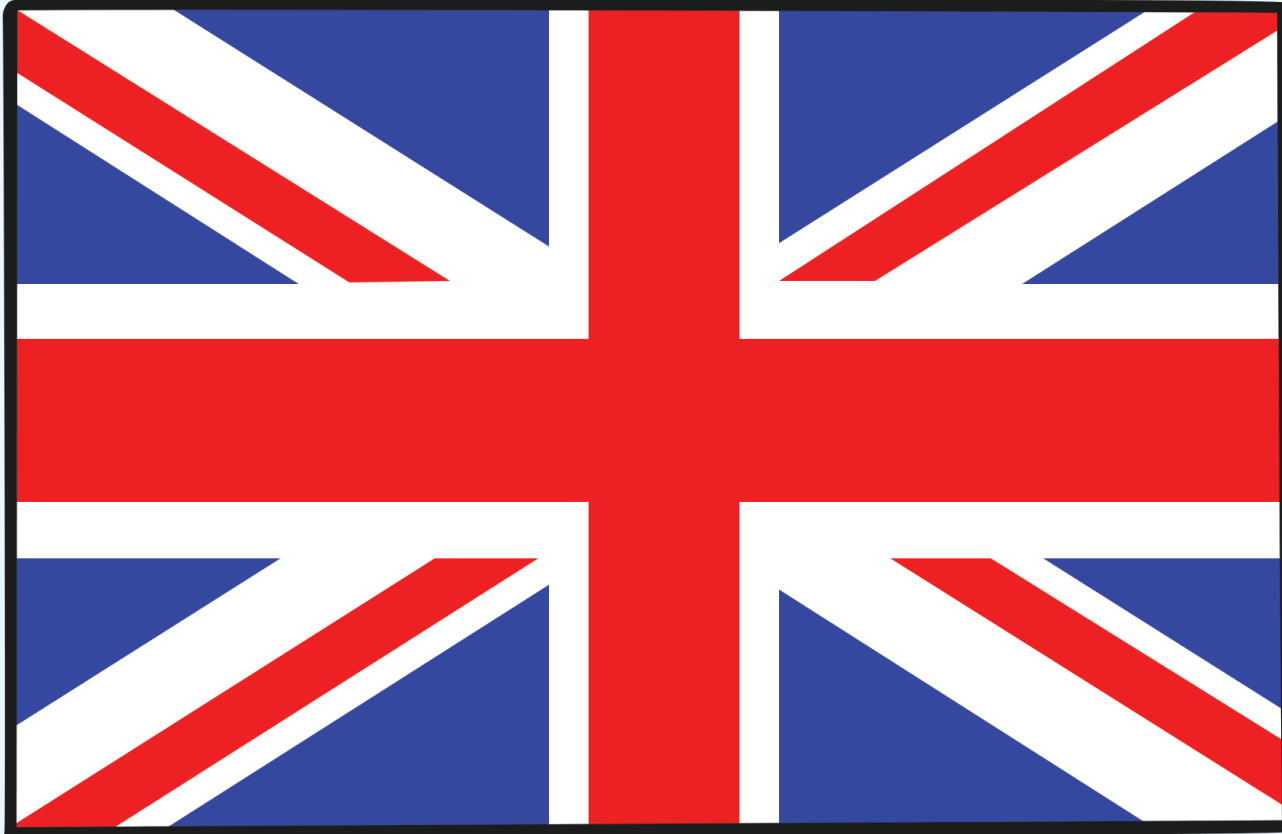
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The official name of the UK is 'The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland'.



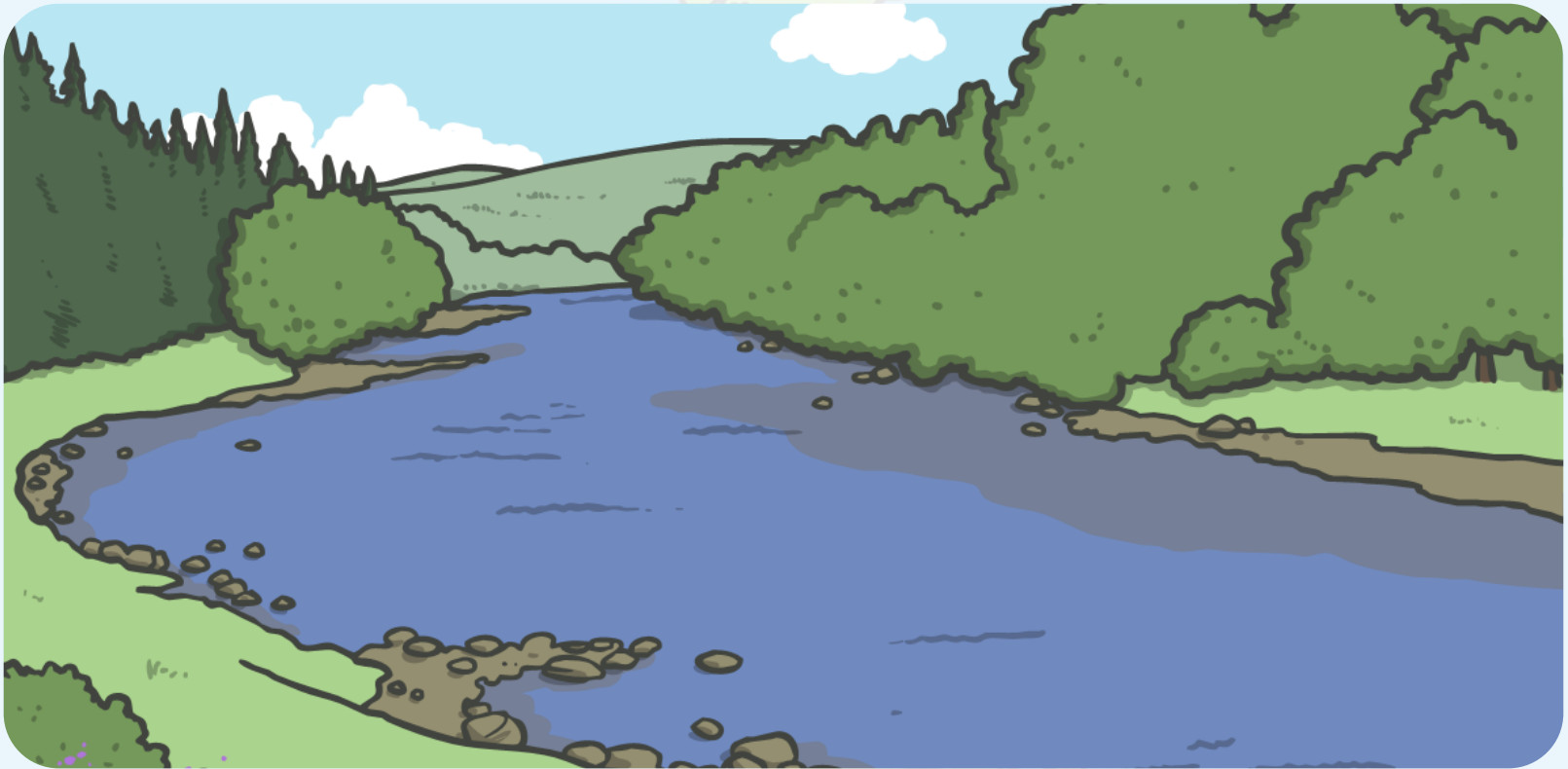
Union Jack

The official flag is the Union Flag, nicknamed the Union Jack. It was designed to include the English, Scottish, Welsh and Northern Irish flags.



Rivers

The longest river is the River Severn. Other main rivers are the Thames, Tay and Tyne.



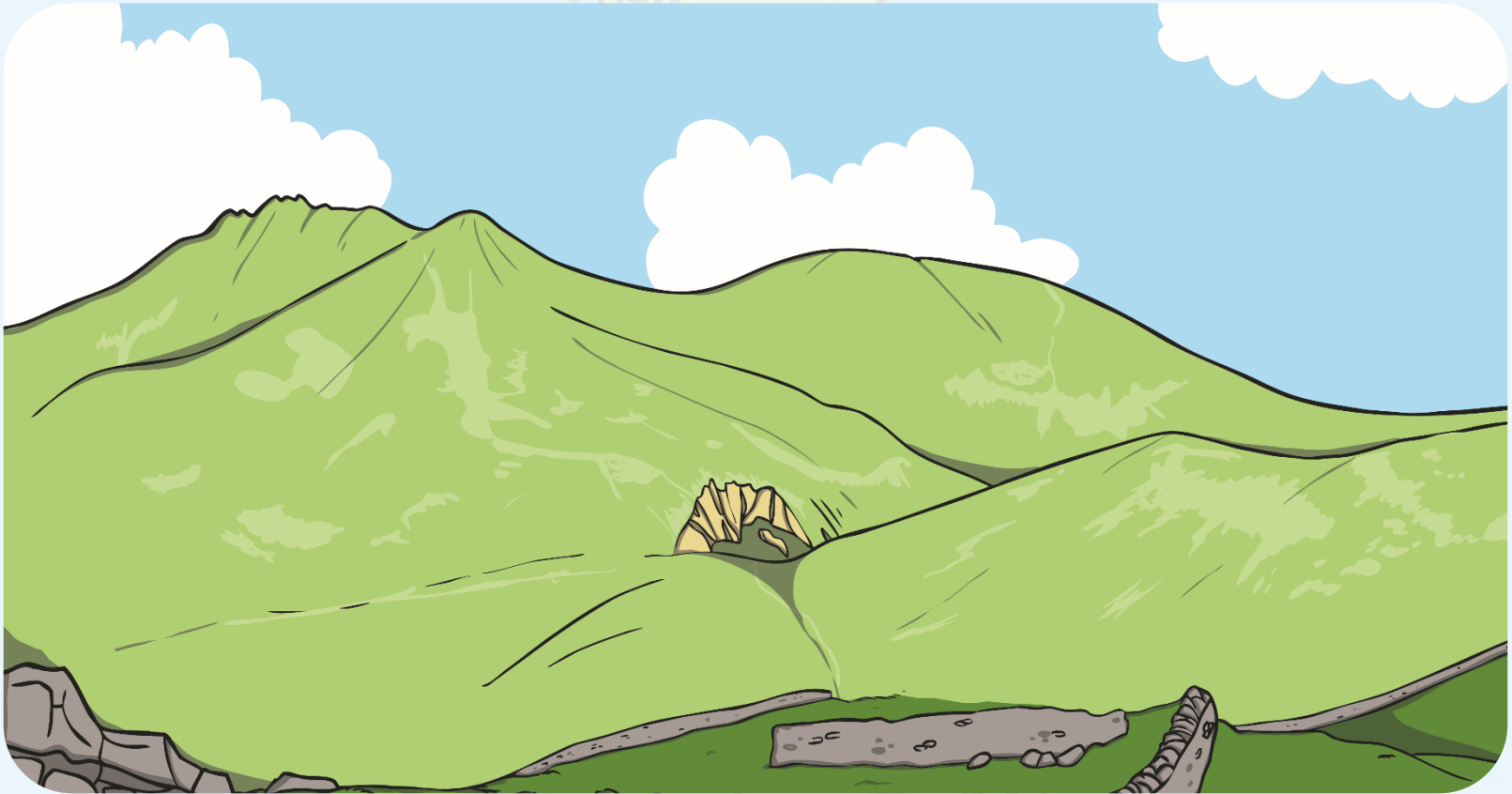
History

5,000 years ago the UK was covered in thick forest.



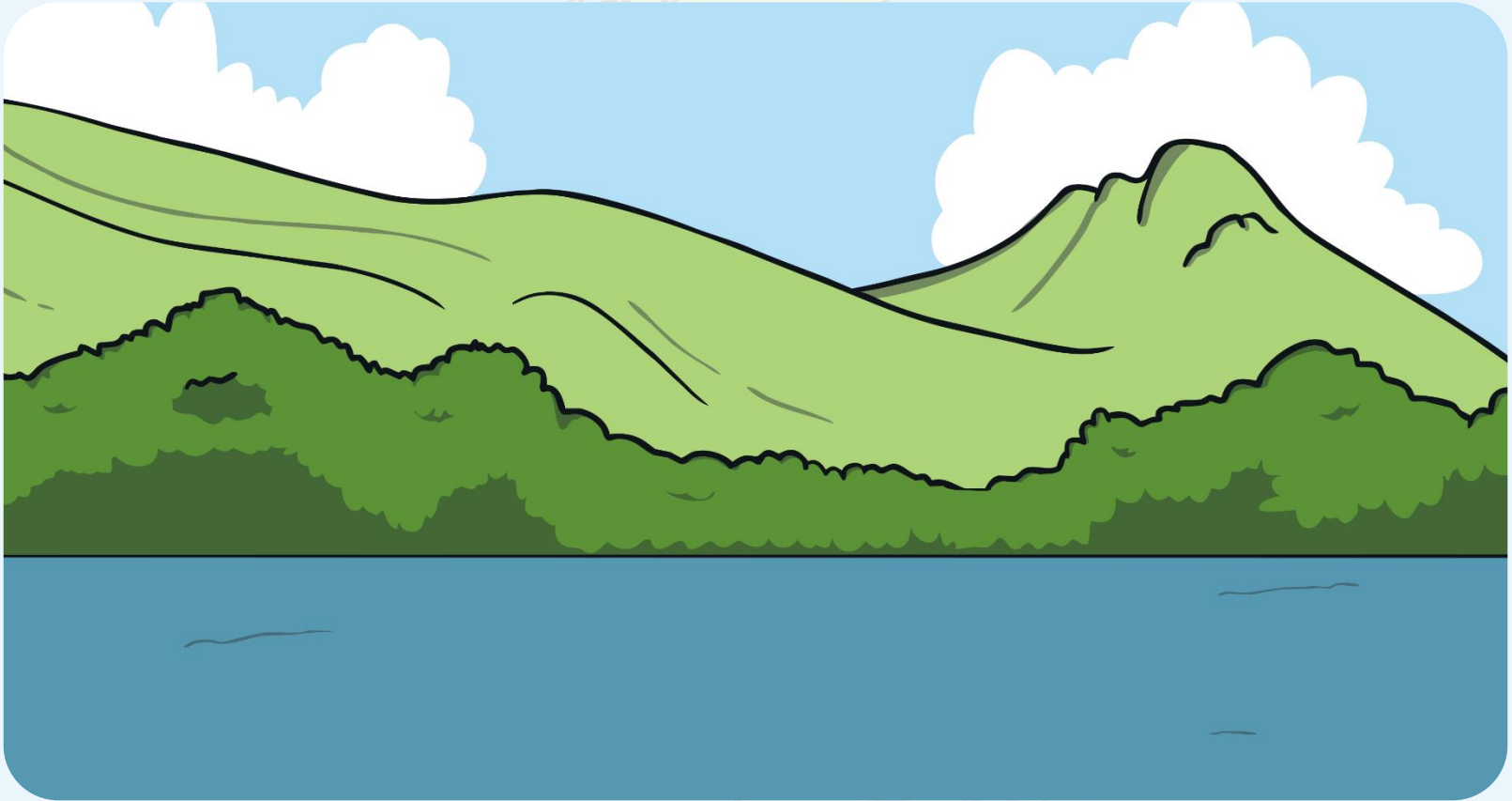
Ben Nevis

The mountain, Ben Nevis is the highest point in the UK at 1344m.



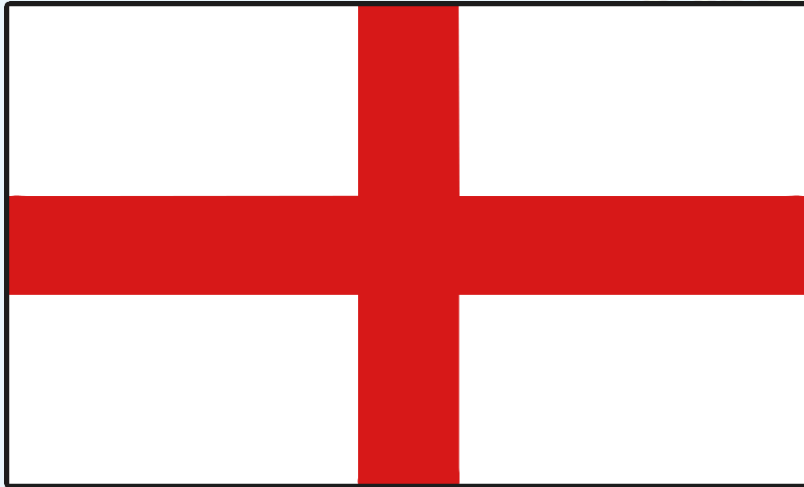
Lough Neagh

The largest lake is Lough Neagh, Northern Ireland at 151 square miles.



England National Flower

A rose is the English national flower.



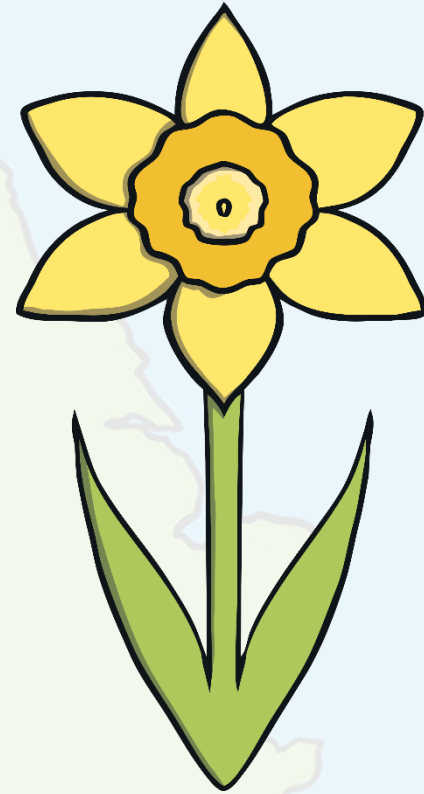
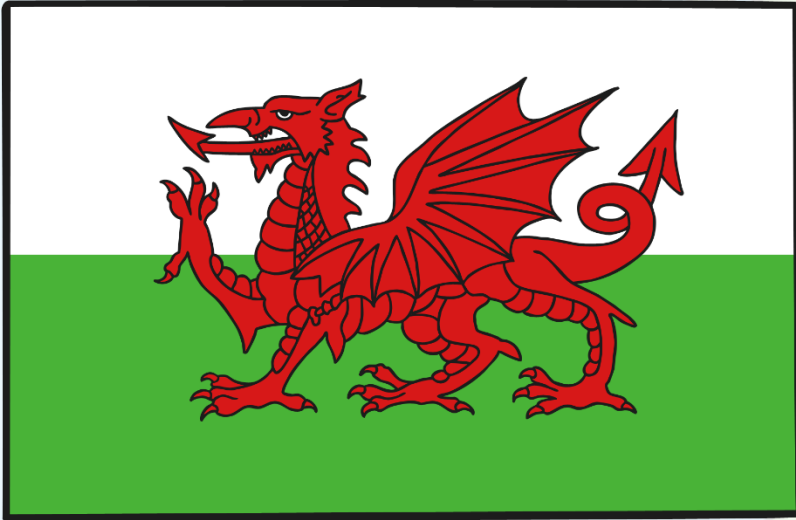
Scotland National Flower

A thistle is the Scottish national flower.



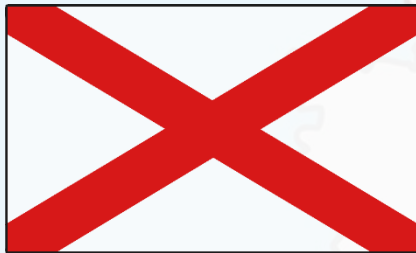
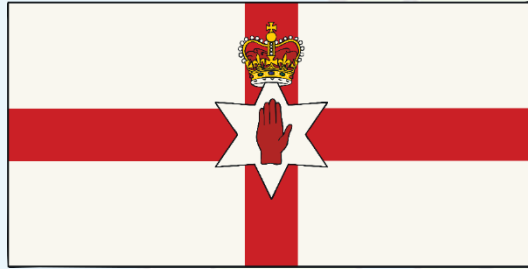
Wales National Flower

A daffodil is the Welsh national flower.



Northern Ireland National Flower

A shamrock is the Northern Irish national flower.



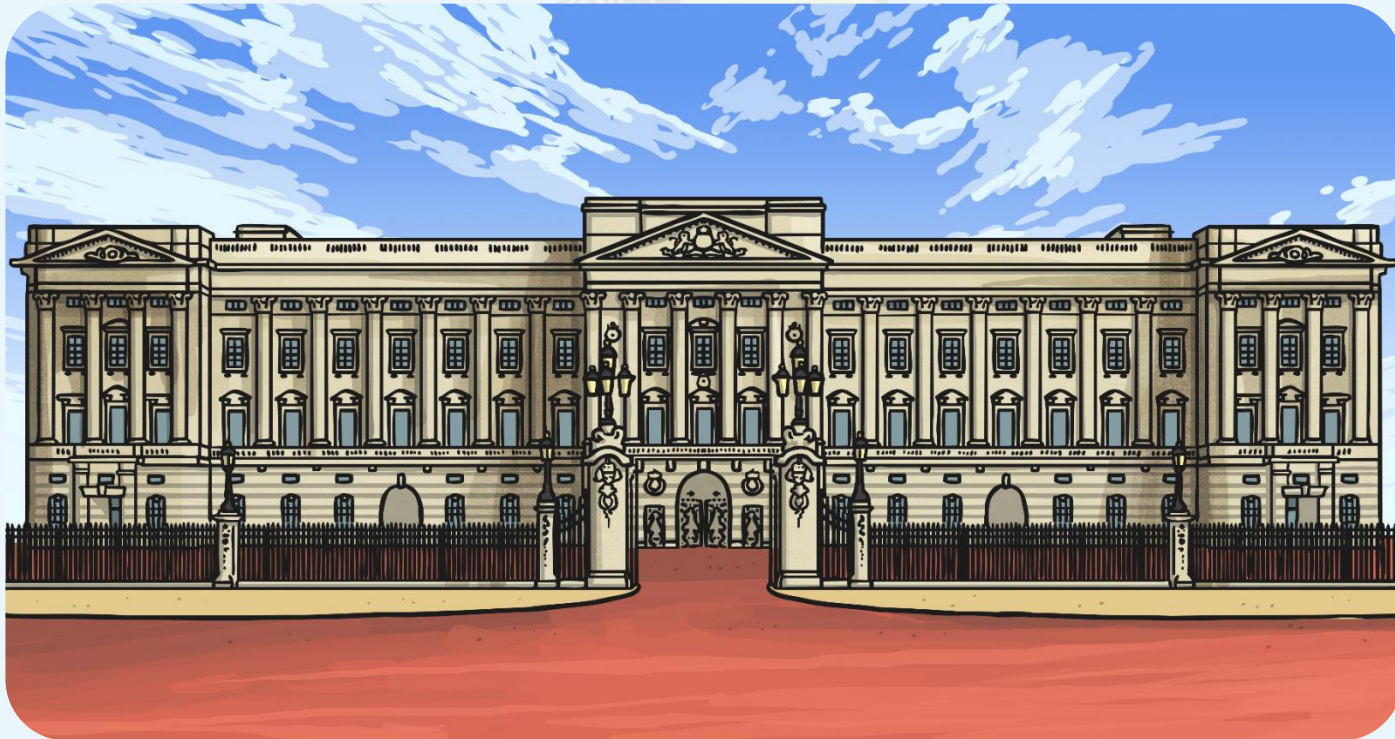
Queen Elizabeth II

Elizabeth II lives in London and is the Queen of the UK.



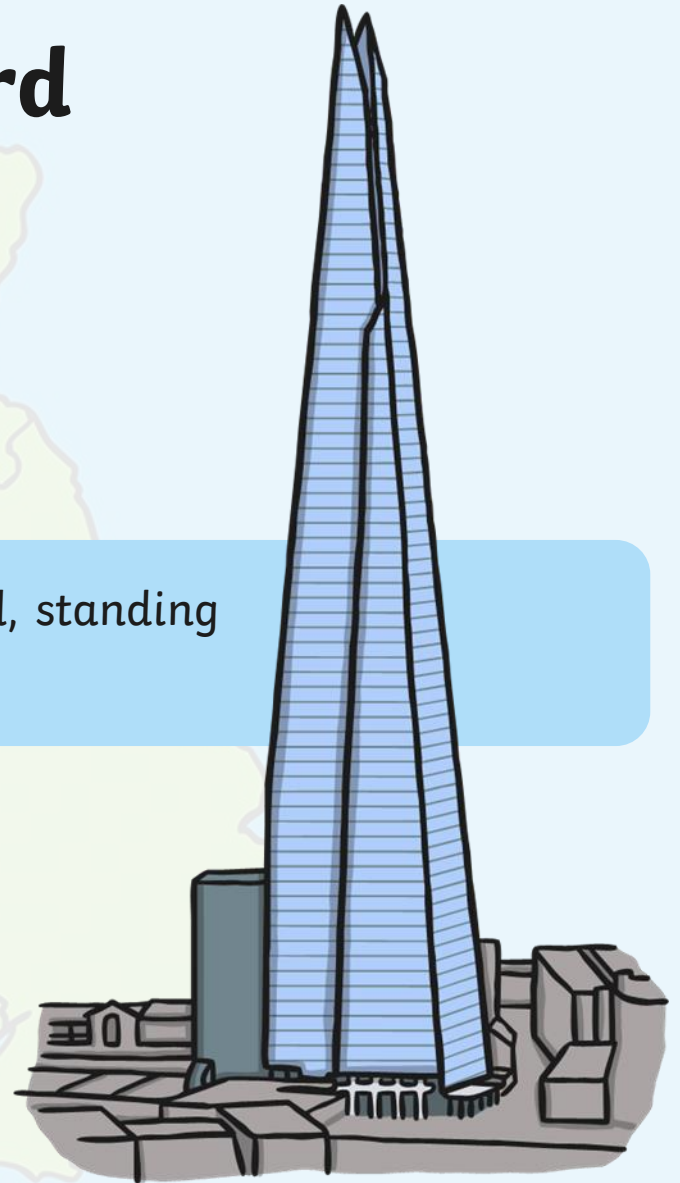
Buckingham Palace

The official London home of the Queen is Buckingham Palace. Buckingham Palace has 775 rooms including 52 royal and guest bedrooms, 188 staff bedrooms and 78 bathrooms.

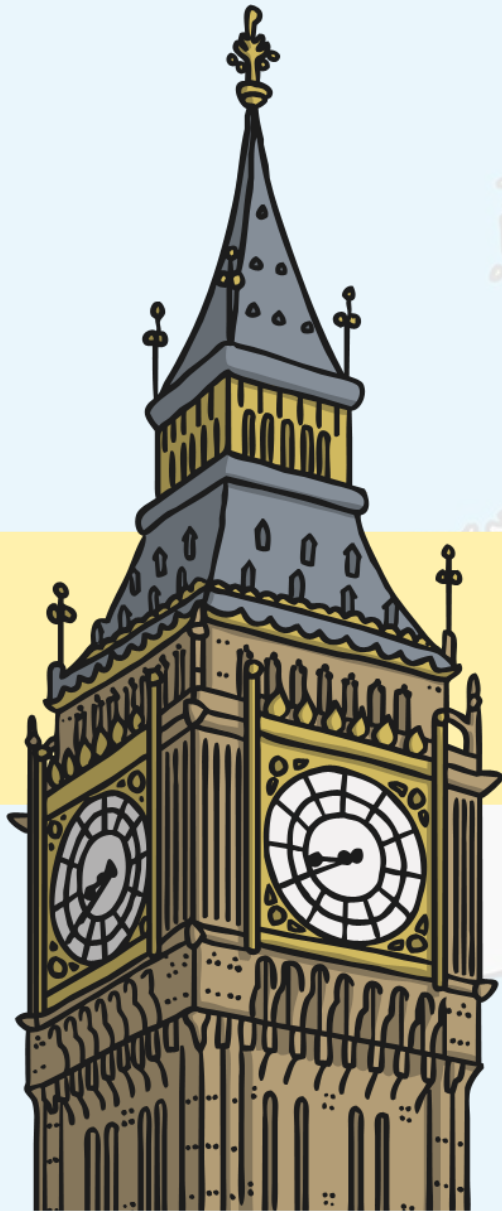


The Shard

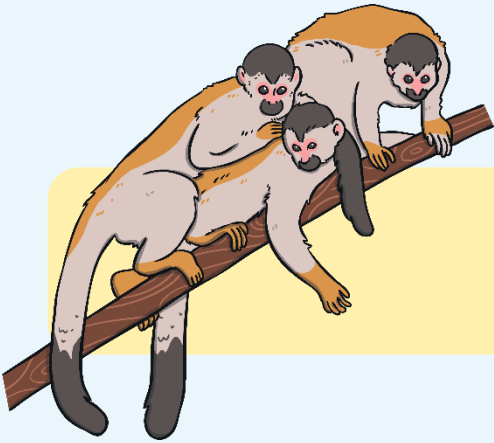
The tallest building in London is The Shard, standing at 310 metres tall.



Big Ben

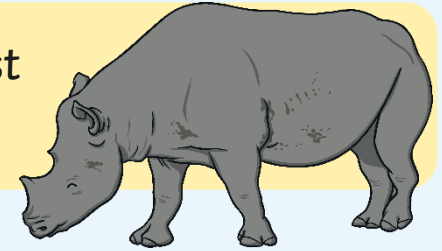


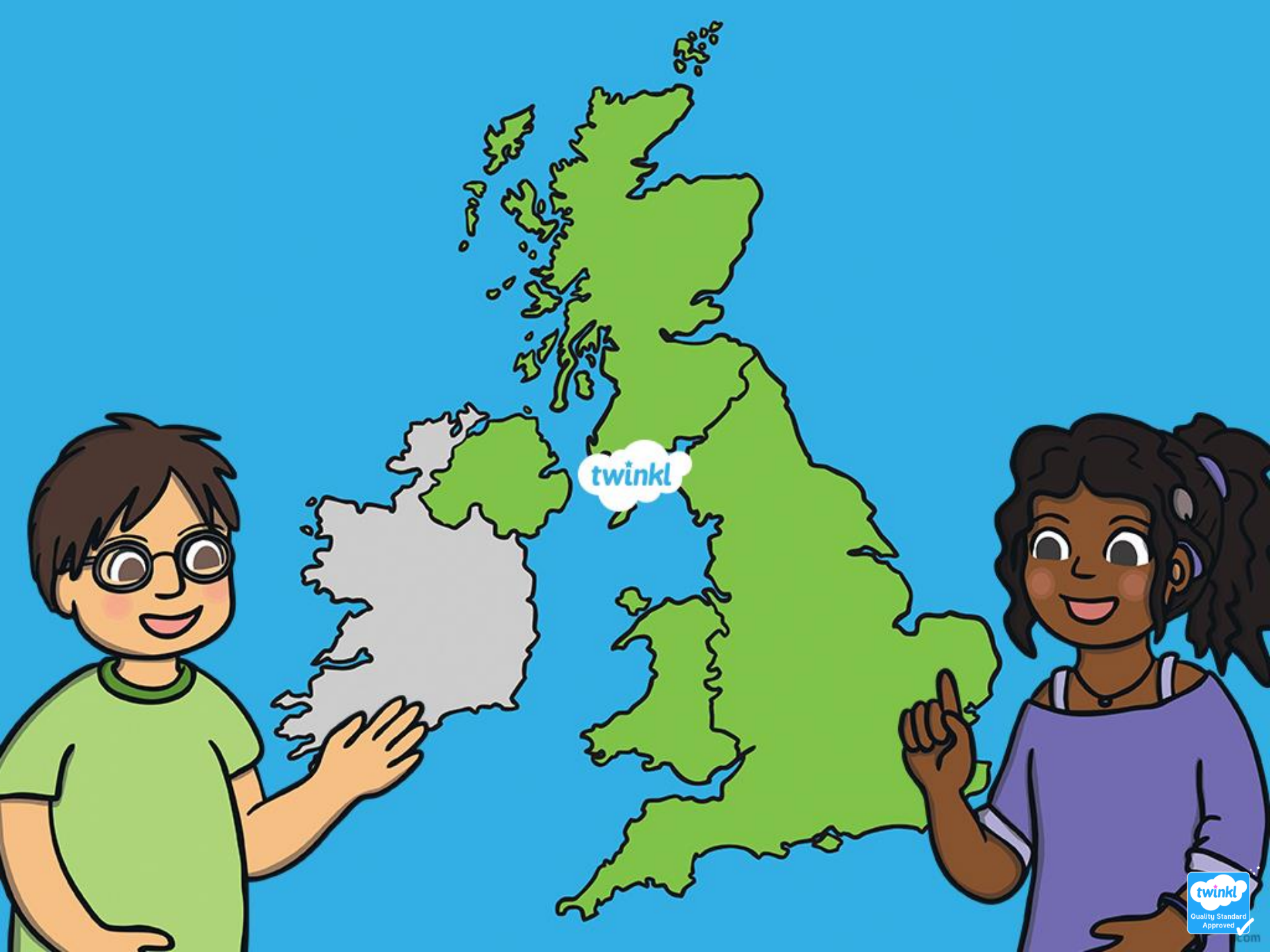
The tower is known as Elizabeth Tower but most people call it Big Ben. However, Big Ben is actually the name of the 13-ton bell inside the clock.



London Zoo

London Zoo was the world's first public zoo. It opened in 1829.





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