

Test Your Speaking & Listening Skills

Fun Fact Quiz

Englishness



How much do you know about England and the English? Work with a partner and find out:

1. What is the capital of England?
2. How many people in England have ginger hair? a) 1.1 m, b) 2.1 m, c) 4.1 m.
3. What is the name of the flag of England? Draw a picture of it.
4. How much (in pounds and pence) do these everyday items cost in a typical English supermarket? a) a Mars bar, b) a loaf of white bread, c) a pint of milk, d) a kilogram of apples, e) a 400ml bottle of shampoo, f) a 500g packet of dry spaghetti?
5. Who are the three greatest English people of all time?
6. What percentage of Great Britain (England, Scotland, and Wales) is covered by woodland? a) 11.6%, b) 26%, c) 40.6%.
7. What percentage of English households keep pets – and what are the top three?
8. English food is famous around the world! Say which ingredients make up these renowned English dishes: a) bubble and squeak, b) shepherd's pie, c) toad in the hole, d) a full English breakfast, e) a ploughman's lunch, f) bangers and mash?
9. When is St. George's Day and how do we celebrate it?
10. True or false – an English person has a variety of different identities, e.g. a man from Bradford can be a Bradfordian, a Yorkshireman, a northerner, English, British, a UK citizen, and a European – all at the same time!
11. How many people live in England? a) 53 million, b) 63 million, c) 73 million.
12. What percentage of people living in England are from ethnic minorities?
13. What is Big Ben?
14. How many plays did William Shakespeare write? a) 7, b) 27, c) 37.
15. After English, what is the second most popular language in England and Wales?
16. What are the top three things that make English people feel happy?
17. Try saying this sentence with different English accents, e.g. Scouse, Brummie, Geordie, and RP: "I would like a first class train ticket to Nottingham, please."
18. What are the five most desired jobs in Britain?
19. How much do English people spend on clothes and shoes per week (on average)?
20. How many British people live abroad, and which top 5 countries do they choose?

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