

Практическое занятие №19 Исторические, географические, общественно-политические и социальные особенности страны изучаемого языка.

Грамматика: Артикль. Виды артиклей. Особенности употребления.

Glossary:

an island state –островное государство
is separated –отделена
Lowland –низменность
Highland –возвышенность
Sovereign – монарх
to reign –править
to govern –править, управлять
responsible – ответственный
to flow – впадать
damp – влажный



1. Прочитайте и переведите текст.

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland consists of four countries:

England (the capital is London), **Scotland** (the capital is Edinburgh), **Wales** (the capital is Cardiff), **Northern Ireland** (the capital is Belfast).

The UK is an island state. The two main islands are Great Britain and Ireland (only the Northern Ireland). There are other large and small islands.

The UK is situated between the Atlantic Ocean on the north-west and the North Sea on the east and separated from the European continent by the English Channel (La Manche) and the Strait of Dover (Pas de Calais).

The UK is divided into two parts: Lowland and Highland. Lowland comprises southern and eastern England. Highland consists of Scotland, Wales, the Pennines, the Lake District.

The main rivers are the Thames, the Avon, the Severn. There are many lakes in Great Britain. The main region is the Lake District.

The UK is a constitutional monarchy: the head of the state is a king or a queen. In practice, the Sovereign reigns, but doesn't rule: the UK is governed by the

Government - a body of Ministers who are the leading members of the political party in power and who are responsible to Parliament. The present Sovereign is Queen Elisabeth II.

The flag is known as Union Jack.

The capital of Great Britain, London, stands on the Thames which flows into the North Sea. The climate of Great Britain is mild. The summer is usually cool and rainy. There is much rain and fog in autumn and in winter. Great Britain is a very damp country.

2. Ответьте на вопросы.

1. What countries does the United Kingdom consist of? What are their capitals?
2. What is the name of two main islands?
3. What basins is it washed by?
4. What are two parts the UK is divided into?
5. Name the main rivers.
6. What kind of government is there?
7. Who is the current Sovereign?
8. What is the name of the flag?
9. Characterize the climate.