The British Isles
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Chapter 1

Page 13 — activity 1
1 B 2 A 3 A 4 B 5 A 6 B 7 B

Page 13 — activity 2
1 a flag 2 a symbol 3 Parliament
4 devolution 5 a minority language
6 an accent

Chapter 2

Page 25 — activity 1
A 10 B 8 C 9 D 0 E 5 F 1 G 7
H 3 16 J 2 K 4

Page 25 — activity 2
1 Sunday 2 Wednesday 3 Friday
4 Monday 5 Saturday 6 Thursday

Page 26 — activity 3
1 defeated 2 known as 3 controlled
4 discovered 5 observe

Chapter 3

Page 37 — activity 1
1 (King) Charles I
2 Oliver Cromwell
3 (Sir) Christopher Wren
4 (King) George I
5 (Sir) Robert Walpole
6 (Queen) Victoria
7 The (London) Underground / the Tube
8 The (British) Commonwealth
9 The Channel Tunnel

Page 37 — activity 2
1 the government 2 Parliament
3 an election 4 the Prime Minister
5 a revolution 6 Members of Parliament
7 vote 8 democracy

Page 38 — activity 3
1 ran ... became 2 took 3 wrote
4 spoke 5 lost 6 fell 7 grew
8 fought

Page 38 — activity 4
1 with 2 in 3 on 4 of 5 for
6 between

Before you read

Page 25 — activity 2
1 1859 2 bridges 3 Great Britain
4 April (9th) 5 9 a.m. 6 8.30

Page 39 — activity 6
Example answer:
Dear Rachel,
Thank you for helping me with my homework. It was very useful. The teacher gave me 90% because I had a lot of information about the British Isles. If you have to write some homework about my country, I’d like to help you.
Best wishes,

Great British Scientists and Inventors

Page 44 — activity 1
1 A 2 F 3 C 4 D 5 H 6 B 7 G & J
8 E & I

Internet Project
Page 45
1 a ten pound note
2 Darwin in north Australia
3 an orang-utan in London Zoo
4 No, it was on geology.
5 53%
6 No, he wrote it for the general public.
7 No
8 He studied medicine but he did not finish his degree.
9 He ate it
10 The Galapagos islands

Before you read

Page 46 - activity 1
A fireworks  B pearls  C diamonds
D jewels  E ash
Page 46 - activity 2
an emerald = a green jewel
a ruby = a red jewel
a sapphire = a blue jewel
a bracelet = girls or women wear this around their wrists
a locket = this hangs from your neck; perhaps it contains something, like a photo
a necklace = girls or women wear this around their necks; it may be gold or silver or made of pearls, for example

Page 46 – activity 3
A
1 Fish and chips
2 Stilton cheese
3 Roast meat and roast potatoes
B
1 C 2 B 3 A

Chapter 4
Page 55 – activity 1
1 fishing OR angling 2 meat 3 fish
4 curry 5 Wimbledon 6 boat race
7 Fireworks OR Guy Fawkes 8 rock
OR pop 9 pop OR rock 10 Tower
11 cathedrals 12 Lake 13 Princess
Diana 14 Lennon 15 Prime Minister
OR PM 16 footballer
Page 55 – activity 2
Open answers.
Page 56 – activity 3
1 B 2 A 3 B 4 B
Before you read
Page 57 – activity 1
1 A philosopher 2 An astronaut
3 An ancestor 4 A highlander
5 A spectator 6 A lowlander
7 A descendant

Page 57 – activity 2
1 3 2 (more than) 4,000 3 English
4 1746 5 independence 6 moon

Chapter 5
Page 66 – activity 1
1 A 2 B 3 A 4 B 5 A 6 B 7 B 8 A
Page 66 – activity 2
You should be able to find:
horizontal: mountain / kilt / sporran
vertical: bagpipes / spider / oil /
tartan / golf / New Year
diagonal: oats / web
Page 67 – activity 3
1 B 2 A 3 C 4 B
Page 66 – activity 4
Example answer:
Dear Sarah,
Thank you for your letter. Yes, I can
tell you a few things about Scotland.
First of all, there are some typical
types of food. Have you heard about
haggis? People eat it on special
occasions. Another typical Scottish
meal is porridge. People eat it for
breakfast. But the most delicious
thing is butter shortbread, a type of
biscuit.
Now I’ll tell you about special days.
The most important festival in
Scotland is New Year. The Scottish
people call it Hogmanay and it’s more
important than Christmas. In January,
they celebrate the birthday of Robert
Burns, a famous Scottish poet.
When you live in Scotland, you’ll
probably see men in kilts. And you’ll
hear the bagpipes. That’s all I can tell
you but there is lots of information on
the Internet or in books.
Good luck in Scotland!

The British Isles and Films
Page 72 – activity 1
The mistakes are in bold below:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>TITLE</th>
<th>DATE</th>
<th>MAIN ACTOR(S)</th>
<th>OTHER INFORMATION</th>
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<tr>
<td>The Englishman Who</td>
<td>1995</td>
<td>Hugh Grant</td>
<td>Some Welsh people are angry when a man from London comes to their village.</td>
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<td>Went Up a Hill But</td>
<td></td>
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<td>Came Down a Mountain</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Braveheart</td>
<td>1995</td>
<td>Mel Gibson</td>
<td>It is directed by the main actor.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Elizabeth I</td>
<td>1998</td>
<td>Cate Blanchett</td>
<td>Cate Blanchett won an Actress of the year for this film.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dancing at Lughnasa</td>
<td>1998</td>
<td>Meryl Streep</td>
<td>Meryl Streep is an American actress. She has never won an Oscar.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>King Arthur</td>
<td>2004</td>
<td>Keira Knightley and Ioann Gruffud</td>
<td>Keira Knightley did not win an Oscar for this film.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The Queen</td>
<td>2006</td>
<td>Helen Mirren (not with Prince Charles)</td>
<td>Helen Mirren won an Oscar for this film.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The Young Victoria</td>
<td>2009</td>
<td>Emily Blunt</td>
<td>A film about Queen Victoria when she was young.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Internet Project
Page 73
1 Richard and Edward.
2 In the Tower of London.
3 Richard was 10 and Edward was 13 years old.
4 Two child-size skeletons.
5 No.
6 Prince Richard.
7 Henry Tudor.
8 Queen Elizabeth I. For two months.
9 David Baldwin.

Before you read
Page 74 – activity 1
1 pirate 2 commissioner 3 rock or pop star 4 monk 5 outlaw 6 giant
Page 74 – activity 2
1 green 2 lamb 3 12 4 sport 5 go to the horse races 6 U2 7 a song
8 The Celtic Tiger
Chapter 6
Page 82 – activity 1
1 Irish stew  2 Gaelic football  
3 Riverdance  4 Belfast  5 Dublin  
6 Blarney Castle  7 Mary Robinson  
8 President  9 Patrick  10 March  
11 leprechauns  12 Deirdre

Page 82 – activity 2
1 B  2 A  3 A  4 B  5 B  6 A  7 A

Page 83 – activity 3
1 unpopular  2 better  3 safe

Page 83 – activity 4
1 is made  2 were written  3 were built  
4 was called  5 were painted

Page 83 – activity 5
Open answers.

Before you read
Page 84 – activity 1
1 Yes  2 The Prince of Wales  
3 It is something that you visit  4 It is a mountain.

Page 84 – activity 2
A a wolf  
B seaweed  
C a cloak  
D a choir

Page 84 – activity 3
1 A  2 A  3 C  4 A

Chapter 7
Page 92 – activity 1
Example answers:
1 Black laverbread is a paste made with seaweed. It isn’t bread.  
2 Cardiff is the capital of Wales.

Page 92 – activity 2
Example answer:
Dear Owen,
Thank you for your letter. I’m going to try to answer your question. But you’ve told me about lots of exciting places in Wales, so it’s hard to choose.

Portmeirion seems very interesting. I cannot imagine it - an Italian village in Wales! I want to see what it looks like. I like cities, so I want to visit Cardiff and Swansea. Cardiff is the capital, so can we visit that first? If possible, I’d like to go to a rugby match.

You said that there are some great beaches near Swansea. Can we go swimming there? And of course I want to see the old castles, like Caernarfon. I’m really looking forward to seeing you,

Page 92 – activity 3
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Page 93 – activity 5
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Page 92 – activity 1
1 The national park is called Snowdonia because the mountain is called Snowdon.
2 Portmeirion is an Italian-style village in North Wales.
3 Llewellyn’s dog didn’t kill his baby son. It protected the baby by killing a wolf.
4 Antony Hopkins played Hannibal Lecter in Silence of the Lambs

Page 92 – activity 2
1 a musician  2 a choir  3 a concert
4 a guitarist  5 opera

Page 92 – activity 3
1 for  2 in  3 from  4 from  5 by
6 under  7 to

Page 93 – activity 4
1 D  2 C  3 C  4 A  5 B  6 B  7 D

Page 93 – activity 5
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D a choir

Page 84 – activity 3
1 A  2 A  3 C  4 A
CHAPTER ONE

How much do you remember?
Complete 1 – 8 by writing one word in each gap.

1. The United Kingdom is made up of England, Scotland, .......... and .......... Ireland.
2. The Shetlands and Orkney are .......... to the north of Scotland.
3. The Union Jack is made up of the flags of England, Scotland and .......... .
4. The Welsh flag has a red .......... on it.
5. ‘Cymru’ means ‘..........’. ‘Alba’ means ‘..........’ in Gaelic.
6. In the area of Newcastle, many people speak a .......... known as ‘Geordie’.
7. In 1998, a new Scottish .......... was established in Edinburgh.
8. The Republic of .......... or Eire uses the euro, not the .......... .

CHAPTER TWO

How much do you remember?
Place A – J in the correct order by writing 1 for the earliest and 10 for the most recent in the boxes.

CHAPTER THREE
How much do you remember?
Complete 1-8 by writing one word in each gap.

1 Guy Fawkes wanted to blow up the ...................... of Parliament.
2 The .................... War began in 1642 when .................... I was King.
3 From 1649, Oliver ..................... was Lord Protector.
4 St ...................... Cathedral was designed by Christopher Wren after the Great ..................... of London.
5 Walpole was the first ..................... minister to live at 10 ..................... Street.
6 In Trafalgar Square, you can see a statue of Lord ..................... .
7 Queen Victoria became Empress of ..................... .
8 In 1921, the Republic of Ireland became ..................... .

Past Perfect and Past Simple
In each sentence 1-5, there are two underlined Past Simple verbs. Change one of them to the Past Perfect form.

Example:
After Guy Fawkes hid, he waited before he tried to blow up the building.
Answer
After Guy Fawkes had hidden, he waited before he tried to blow up the building.

0 After Guy Fawkes hid, he waited before he tried to blow up the building.
1 He became Lord Protector after he won the Civil War.
2 The Great Plague occurred after Charles II became King.
3 After his army lost the war, Bonnie Prince Charlie escaped from Scotland.
4 England looked for a new king after Queen Anne died because she didn’t have any children.
5 Special monuments were built in London after the army and navy defeated Napoleon.

CHAPTER FOUR
How much do you remember?
Answer questions 1-8 in the spaces provided.

1 This food is made from fish and potatoes and is very popular in England. What is it?
   .................................................. and ............................................................
2 On this day you can play tricks on other people. What is it called?
   April ..................... Day
3 This famous Norman castle is in London. What is its name?
   The ............................................ of ..............................................................
4 This port was a European Capital of Culture in 2008. Where is it?
   ..........................................................................................................................
5 This area is very beautiful and is in the north west of England. What is its name?
   The .................................................................................................... District
6 What do you see when you come to England from France by ship?
   The ........................................... cliffs of .....................................................
7 This musician and singer from Liverpool was killed in 1980. Who was he?
   ..........................................................................................................................
8 What was Margaret Thatcher called?
   The ......................................................................................................... Lady
CHAPTER FIVE

How much do you remember?
Answer questions 1-8 in the spaces provided.

1 This is a piece of clothing that many Scottish men wear on special occasions. What is it?
   A

2 Where did Alan Bean, an American, wear tartan?
   On the ............................................................................................................

3 Which famous Scottish poet wrote about the haggis?
   Robert ............................................................................................................

4 What is the name of the tallest mountain in the British Isles?
   Nevis

5 What did Saint Columba perhaps see in the sixth century?
   The ..................................................................................................................

6 Which Scottish queen was the mother of King James I of England?
   ...................................................., Queen of ...................................................

7 Where would you see somebody tossing the caber?
   At the .................................................... Games

8 In Scotland, New Year has a special name. What is it?
   ..........................................................................................................................

Passive verbs

Look at sentences 1-5. Fill the gaps in the second sentence by writing a verb in the Present Simple or Past Simple passive form so that it means the same as the first sentence. Complete the sentence by filling any other gaps.

Example:
0 Many English-speaking nations play cricket.
   Cricket ..............................................................................................................

1 On Christmas Day most families eat turkey.
   Turkey ............................................................................................................ on Christmas Day

2 The English people drink more tea than coffee.
   More tea than coffee ............................................................................... by the English people.

3 Some people say that the English invented football.
   Some people say that football .................................................................. by the English.

4 People celebrate Fireworks’ Night on November 5th.
   Fireworks’ Night ....................................................................................... on November 5th.

5 The Romans built Hadrian’s Wall.
   Hadrian’s Wall ............................................................................................ by the Romans.
CHAPTER SIX

1 How much do you remember?
Write the missing words from 1-9 in the blank spaces.

1 …...................... football is a traditional Irish sport.
2 The Lakes of …...................... are famous for trout and for their beauty.
3 Mary …...................... was the first woman President of the Republic of Ireland.
4 The Giant's …...................... is a geographical feature of the coast of Northern Ireland.
5 …...................... are small people in traditional Irish stories.
6 …...................... is the capital of Northern Ireland.
7 …...................... is the national saint of Ireland.
8 George …...................... was a very skilful Northern Irish footballer.
9 Oscar …...................... is one of many famous Irish writers.

CHAPTER SEVEN

1 How much do you remember?
Answer questions 1-8 in the spaces provided.

1 What is the meaning of Plaid Cymru, the name of the Welsh nationalist political party? The …............................... in …...........................
2 The most popular sport in Wales is played at Cardiff Arms Park. What is it?  ................................................................................................................
3 What is the name of the Welsh national song?  Land of my .....................................................................................................
4 What is the capital of Wales?  ....................................................................
5 Where was Tomb Raider 2 with Angelina Jolie filmed?  In ..................................................................................................................
6 An Eisteddfod is a meeting. Who performs at an Eisteddfod?  ............................................., musicians, singers and sometimes dancers.
7 What kind of animal was Gellert? Who did he save?  Gellert was a …............. . He saved the …............. of Llewellyn the Great.
8 What is the name of the wizard who helped King Arthur?  ..........................................................................................................................