

# Amazing English Mag



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## British dogs

This is a golden retriever, a cute dog

## Mclaren

Famous orange and grey cars



A British monument :

# Big Ben

# Summary



Welcome to  
Great Britain !

In this new issue,  
you will discover  
fabulous British  
cars, cute dogs and  
lots of other things !

This is magazine number 2! First,  
we will present you well-known  
monuments in London , the capital  
city. After discovering the British isles,  
you will read about British cars and  
British dogs. Then, you will learn more  
about video games and famous  
British singers such as Radio Head  
and Adèle. After, you will discover  
British fashion with Stella McCartney  
and British food. Finally, you will read  
an article about Valentine's Day .

## Summary



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## Big Ben

*Big Ben is the symbol of the British capital and it is situated in central London, near Westminster Abbey.*

*Big Ben was built\* by Augustus Welby Northmore Pugin in the 18th century.*

Before Big Ben was called « clock Tower ». Big Ben is 316 feet high, it's amazing! It was completed on September 28th 1843 and became a new palace . It's the great symbol of English architecture. The architectural style is Gothic Revival. The real name of Big Ben is the « Elisabeth tower » because there is a big bell\* hung\* inside the "Elizabeth tower".

Big Ben appeared in several famous films and series for example « Mars attack", " James Bond" or "Sherlock Holmes" and many others famous movies. You can also see Big ben in video game. Big Ben has been under renovation for a while\*. Indeed, the clock's dial and mechanism needed to be repaired and there were cracks in the tower's masonry and corrosion on the roof. The works should be finisedh in 2022 , after four years of renovation.



### KEYWORDS

-build(v) / built( past simple) : construire

-a big bell : une grosse cloche

-hang(v) / hung(p passé) : suspendre

-for a while : depuis un moment

-masonry : maçonnerie



Tower Bridge is located between the boroughs of Southwark and Tower Hamlets. At the time of its construction Tower Bridge was the largest ( it is 246 metres long and 65 metres high ). These most sophisticated rocking bridges were designed by John Wolfe-Barry, a famous British engineer. His most famous work is Tower Bridge ,built over the river Thames from 1886 to 1894. John Wolfe-Barry was born in December 1836 in London and he died on January 22nd 1918 in Chelsea, near London. He had seven children . He married Rosalind Grace, the daughter of Rev Evan Edward Rowsell of Hambledon, Surrey.

# Tower Bridge

After receiving the knighthood in 1897, he added "Wolfe" to his name, inherited in 1898, to become Sir John Wolfe Wolfe-Barry. Tower Bridge consists of two towers connected by a road bridge and a pedestrian bridge. The road bridge is rocking. Steam engines and power accumulators allow Tower bridge to open in just one minute. Large boats can then enter London... The opening deck machinery has been opened to the public since 1982 as a museum presenting the operation of the hydraulic mechanism that has been used since 1894 to lift the rocking bridge . The construction of the bridge began in 1886 and it required 432 workers and five prime contractors for eight years.



## KEYWORDS

*sophisticated* : raffinée

*engineer* : ingénieur

*daughter* : fille

*pedestrian* : piéton

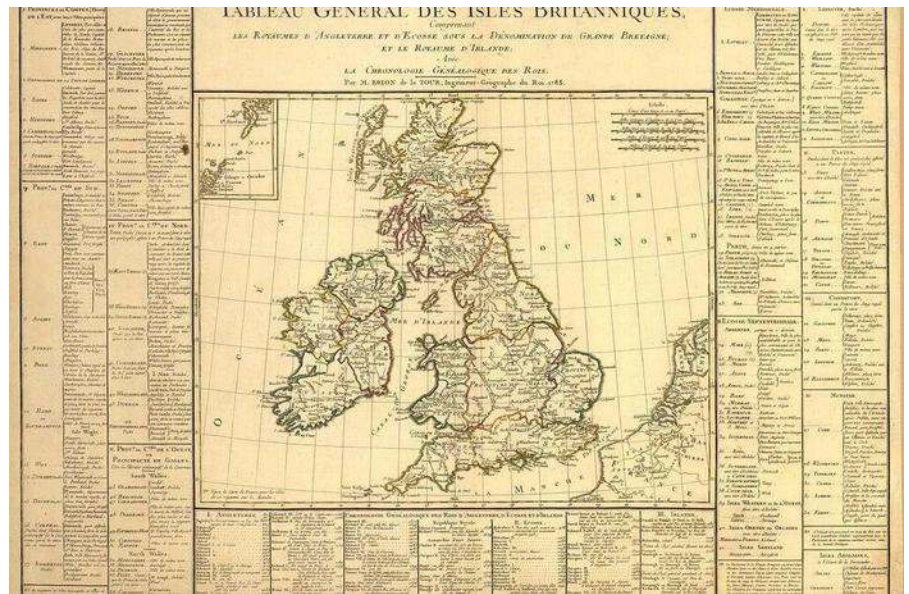
*damage* : endommager

# Great Britain

Great Britain has more than 68,568,626 inhabitants in 2022, and the capital city is London.

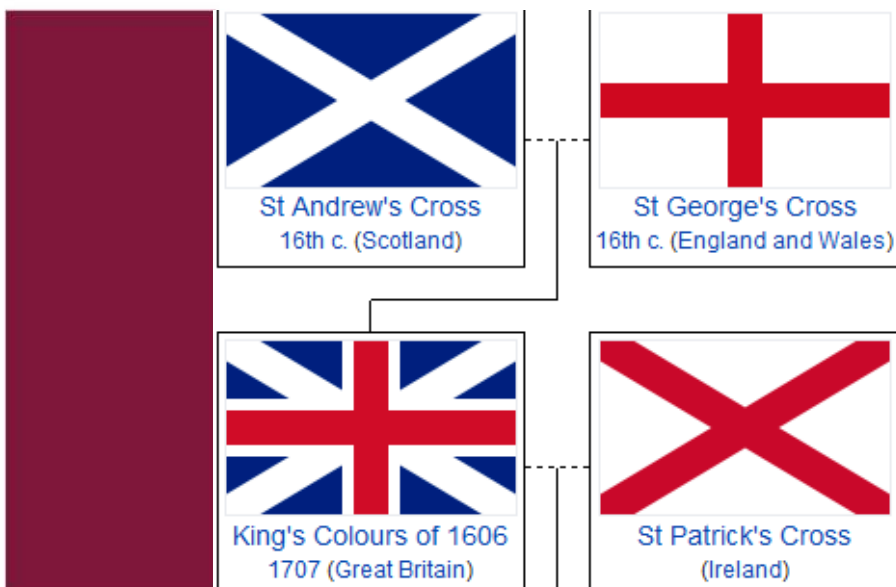
Britain includes the territories of England, Scotland and Wales plus the Islands, such as the Sorlingua, Hebrides, Orkney or Shetland, but it does not incorporate either the Isle of Man or the Channel islands, Jersey or Guernesey.

In French, the term «Bretagne» ends up attaching itself to the Armorican peninsula, while the term Grande-Bretagne designates the former island Brittany. In English, the term Britain is commonly used to refer to "Great Britain" while Brittany refers to mainland Britain.



Great Britain map

The Union Flag has not always been the way it is today. Over the centuries, drawing on the history of the countries it symbolizes, it has undergone several changes. It first appeared in 1606 and symbolized the union of the English, Scottish and Irish crowns established by James VI of Scotland. The flag then juxtaposes that of England (the cross of Saint-Georges) and that of Scotland (the cross of Saint-André) and represents Great Britain. In 1800, the Union Jack welcomed the Irish symbol, an X-shaped red cross, also known as the St Patrick's Cross. In 1801, it underwent a final modification: it took a wider form and was adorned with darker colors. It is from this date that the United Kingdom flag, or Union Flag/Union jack, takes its final form..





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## The history of Aston Martin

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The brand Aston Martin was created in 1913 by Lionel Martin and Robert Bamford. It began in a small London workshop and grew to become a luxury brand admired worldwide.

The first prototype «Coal Scuttle» won The Aston Clinton's race in 1914 under the brand Aston Martin. The name of the brand. Comes from this event. Aston martin created the <>.The car a roll more than 16 hours at a clam of 125 km, a record for the time.

### KEYWORDS

*grew : grandit*

*worldwide : dans le monde entier.*

*brand : marque*

*roll : rouler*

*record for the time : un record pour l'époque*



McLaren is a British car brand created in 1963 in Woking, an English city. The company was founded by a British businessman, Ron Dennis. Later, Zak Brown succeeded him as the manager of the company. This car brand is specialized in racing cars. At the beginning of the brand creation (1963-1966), the logo was a kiwi (the animal). By the end of the 1980, McLaren's Formula One successes were accumulating.

Then, the team wanted to launch a new challenge and wanted to design its first touring car, the McLaren F1. The project was led by an engineer, called Gordon Murray and a brand-new plant was built in Woking. In 2020, McLaren was 22nd in the ranking of the best-selling super cars. McLaren's performances are incredible, with a weight of 1,283 kilograms, for a power of 720 horsepower.

*the McLaren reaches 100 kilometers per hour in 2.9 seconds, from 0 to 200 kilometers per hour in 7.8 seconds, and from 0 to 300 kilometers per hour in 21.4 seconds.*

## KEYWORDS

*succeed : succéder  
beginning : début  
launch : lancement  
touring : tourisme  
was led by : était mené par  
weight : poids  
horsepower : chevaux  
reach : atteindre  
car brand : marque de voiture*



## The Irish setter :

The Irish setter has red or brown fur. His coat is long and silky and it needs care. He is from Ireland, hence\* his name. He measures 24 to 28 inches and he weighs 65 to 75 lb for a male and 55 to 65 lb for a female. His life expectancy is 11 to 12 years. He is in the top three favorite dogs of British people because he is affectionate and sporting. He is good at the hunting too, particularly birds. With his smell\*, he locates the prey and he points it. He prefers hunting in the moor\* or in a field\*.

## The golden retriever :

The golden retriever is a breed of labrador. His coat has color shades from white cream to dark yellow. His long bristles can be smooth\* or wavy. He has brown eyes. He is affectionate and obedient, and very clever. He is famous too : Buddy played to "Air Bud", an action movie where he plays basket-ball, American football, baseball, volley-ball. He is very sporty ! A theory says we have crossed a water spaniel with a wavy coated dog and that we have just kept golden puppies.

*On the left, they are two Irish setters, and on the right, two golden retrievers.*

## **KEYWORDS**

**70 lb = environ 32 kg**  
**inches = environ 66 cm**

*hence : d'où*

*smell : odorat*

*moor : lande*

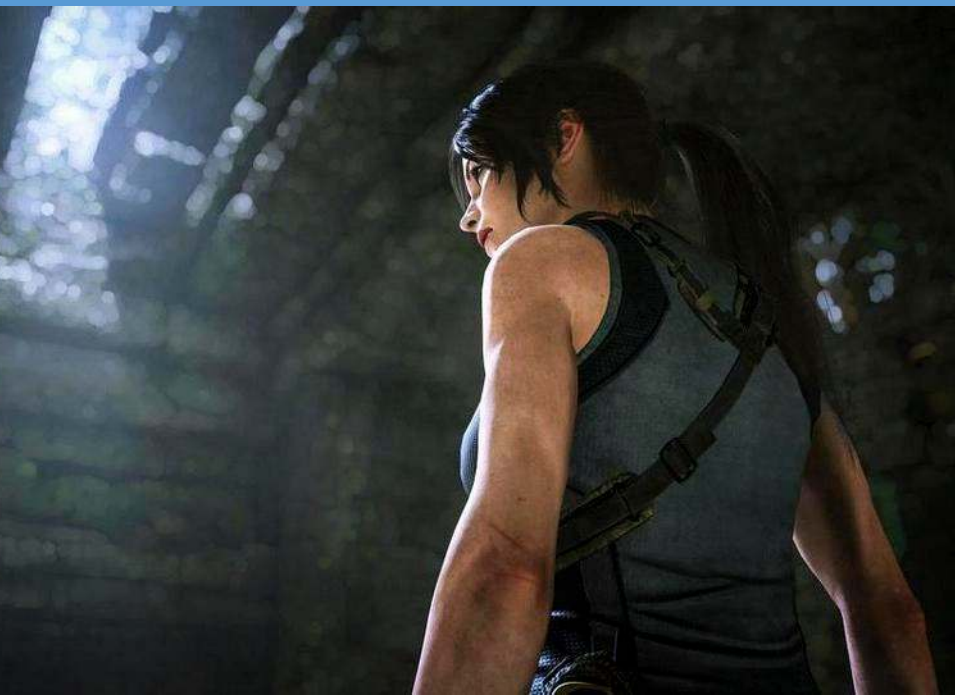
*field : champs*

*shades : nuances*

*smooth : lisse*



# **Tomb Raider and Little Misfortune**



The first game of Tomb Raider was published in 1996 by Core Design. The game has a long timeline with 20 games. This is a game about adventure and action. They do some movies about the game. The name of the protagonist of the game is Lara Croft. She explores the world and she searches some artifacts and location. She must solve some puzzles and mechanisms. She meets monsters in temples and ancient tombs. She sometimes fights against enemies and must avoid traps.

**The game Little Misfortune is an adventure game and a little bit horror. The game was created in 2019, published and developed by Killmonday Games. Little Misfortune is inspired about the universe of Fran bow (same type of game). The game is about a girl, her name is Little Misfortune . A voice at the start said « She will die today » (he talk about her) and we gonna follow Little Misfortune. The game talk about subjects sensibles (alcohol, physical violence, and other subjects ). She is in love with a fox, his name is Benjamin. The story is about do some choices and they will have some consequences.**



## KEYWORDS

*timeline : la série d'un jeu*

*avoid : éviter*

*traps : pièges*

*Adele has changed a lot. She has lost a lot of weight.*

She was born in London, England, in 1988. Her real name is Adele Laurie Blue Adkins. She has one child. Adele's occupation is singing and songwriting. She has begun to sing at sixteen years old. She is a pop and soul singer.



## Adele : a famous English singer

### Her famous songs :

#### Hometown Glory

This song is the very first one written by Adele, then just 16 years old. It went unnoticed when it was released in October 2007, and was rediscovered when the album "19".

#### Rolling in the Deep

The song of planetary revelation. Acclaimed by critics, this hit mixing pop, blues and disco inaugurates the global hit of his second album "21". It sold more than 20 million copies.

#### Hello

To launch her third album "25", Adele delivers with "Hello" a powerful piano ballad that sells more than 12 million copies in the year 2015. And the music video directed by filmmaker Xavier Dolan has been seen more than 2.3 billion times since its release.

**Someone Like You:** The romantic ballad "Someone Like You" was also a huge success, selling more than 17 million copies. The English audience even voted him third best song of the last sixty years behind "Bohemian Rhapsody" by Queen and "Billie Jean" by Michael Jackson.

#### Skyfall

In 2012, Adele was chosen to perform the theme of the twenty-third episode of the James Bond saga, "Skyfall". Like Danny Boyle's film, the song is very well received by the critics, and doubles as an indisputable public success. The singer is also crowned with the Oscar for the best song.



The band was created in 1985. The band is composed of Tom Yorke, the singer, guitarist and pianist, his brothers, Jonny Greenwood the lead guitar player and Colin Greenwood, the bass player. There is also Ed O'Brien, the guitarist and choir singer. But don't forget Philip Selway, the drummer of the band.

## A famous British rock band : Radiohead

The producer of the band is Nigel Godrich. Radiohead released their first album «Pablo Honey» and their first single was «Creep» in 1992. Their popularity increased by their second album, «The Band» in 1995. Their album «Kid A» released in 2000 marked a dramatic change in style. It is the mixture of classical and electronic music. Their album «Hail of the Thief» created in 2003 has lyrics inspired by the «War on Terror» and it is a final album for EMI. The group has sold more than thirty million albums, they are very popular and famous. Their fans were really excited when they received six Grammy Awards !



### KEYWORDS

*lead guitar : guitare solo*

*drummer : batteur*

*increased : augmenter*

**Keywords:***playful* : ludique

daughter : fille

received: reçu

*launch* : lancer

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## ***London, capital of fashion***

London is the capital of fashion and it has an atmosphere on its own: it relies on a boundless imagination, playful and daring designers, and scandalous parades on the border between the artistic and the commercial.

The classic "English fashion", the "British fashion", exists since the nineteenth century. It is the designer William Morris who is at the origin of a certain "English style" that still characterizes today the classic English fashion.



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## ***Stella McCartney***

Fashion designer Stella McCartney is the daughter of ex-Beatle Paul McCartney and his late wife, Linda. She is one of the most well-known and outspoken fashion designers in the world. Stella McCartney launched her career in 1995 when her friends and supermodels Naomi Campbell and Kate Moss modeled her clothes at her college graduation.

She received the Vogue Designer of the Year Award in 2000. In 2012, McCartney designed the clothing for Great Britain's Olympic team. Stella was born on September 13, 1971 in London and she has a fashion store in London. She is married and has four children.



## A FEW MAIN COURSES

-**Yorkshire Pudding**: roast beef with roasted potatoes and two veggies.

-**Steak & Kidney Pie**: a hot crust Pâté with beef and kidneys in a thick meat sauce with potatoes and vegetables.

English food is not very healthy.

## ENGLAND'S BEST-KNOWN CHEF IS JAMIE OLIVER

**James Trevor Oliver**, known as Jamie Oliver, born 27 May 1975 in Clavering, Essex County, England, is a British chef and television host, nicknamed in his native country the Naked Chef.

His popularity has reached other English-speaking countries such as the United States or Australia. The meatloaf is the most famous recipe by Jamie Oliver, it's simple but delicious !

## CHRISTMAS DINNER

For Christmas, the main dish is a turkey with gravy sauce, or stuffed with chestnuts. There are potatoes, carrots and Brussels sprouts. At the end of the meal, English people eat "plum pudding", a cake made with bread crumbs, dried fruit and nuts macerated for several months in rum.

### "KING CAKE"

Unlike some of our neighbours such as Italy, Spain, Germany and Austria, Epiphany is not a holiday in England. But that does not prevent to celebrate this feast by enjoying a good cake !

## KEYWORDS

*a few main courses :  
quelques plats principaux*

*turkey : dinde*

*unlike : contrairement à*

*neighbours : voisins*

# Valentine's day

The first letter of Valentine's day came from the UK and it was sent by Charles, Duke of Orleans.

This celebration came from the Roman empire. Valentine's day is on February 14th. People exchanged candies, flowers and gifts.

Today in the USA, 1% of employees give a gift to their colleagues and 20% of children give a gift to their teacher. In elementary school, kids exchange Valentine's presents.



## KEYWORDS

*gift : cadeau*

*elementary school :  
école élémentaire*



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