



# UK Facts and Figures

As many of you probably know, **we're** a small island located in Europe and **our capital city is** London. I say small island, **we're** actually the eighth largest island in the world– 300 miles (500km) at the widest point across and 600 miles (1,000km) at the longest point. So no matter where you are in the UK, you will always be at least 75 miles (120km) away from the sea”.

**It's** great being so close to the sea, but it doesn't really matter when we have an average temperature of 11°C, a little too cold for sunbathing on the beach! When I ask people what they know about the UK, **the first thing I normally hear is** “it rains a lot”, which I hate to admit might be true. Summer does exist though! April to June are generally beautiful months with dry weather, so if you get the chance to visit the UK, definitely choose this time of the year!

**English is** the most common language in the United Kingdom, but there are some other languages too. **The second most common language is** Welsh, spoken in Wales, where around 20% of the Welsh population speak it and we also have Gaelic (which around 2% of Scots can speak). The other languages formerly spoken in the UK have died out.

**The UK population is** an ever-growing one with around 67.8 million people, at the time of writing. 8 million people alone are located in London. **The life expectancy is** slightly higher than the world average at 81.77 years and **there is** a difference between men (80.2 years old) and women (83.3 years old). If you make it to 100 years old, you receive a personalised birthday card from the Queen!