

## Facts and Figures Transcript

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Hi everyone! I'm Hannah, an English teacher at Virtually Fluent and in today's video we're going to talk about the basic facts and figures of the United Kingdom. Our nation has so much to offer, so let's start right at the very beginning.

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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 at the widest point across and 600 miles at the longest point. So no matter where you are in the UK, you will always be at least 75 miles from the sea

**1'02**

It's great being so close to the sea, but it doesn't really matter when the average temperature is 11°C, a little too cold for sunbathing on the beach!

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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 is probably 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!

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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.

### **1'06**

The UK population is an ever-growing one with around 67.8 million people. 8 million people alone are located in London.

### **2'20**

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, you receive a personalised birthday card from the Queen!

### **2'44**

Let's round off this video with a few fun facts about our country.

### **2'54**

33% of British people drink between four and five cups of tea per day.

### **3'04**

Only 51.9% of the British population voted in favour of leaving the EU in the referendum of 2016.

### **3'17**

The Queen doesn't have a passport even though she's travelled to over 120 countries in her lifetime.

### **3'28**

You can travel from London to Paris in just over 2 hours using the Channel Tunnel.

### **3'36**

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