

# Summer 2-Week 4 English Homework

Complete the tasks

# Year 5 and 6 are learning about England!

- **England is the largest country in the United Kingdom (UK).** It is part of the UK along with [Wales](#), [Scotland](#) and [Northern Ireland](#).
- England is bordered by Scotland to the north and Wales to the West. England's bustling capital, London, was recently voted the second-most-visited city in the world with 20 million international visitors.
- Rich in history and culture, England boasts some of the most famous writers, singers, scientists and sports personalities worldwide.

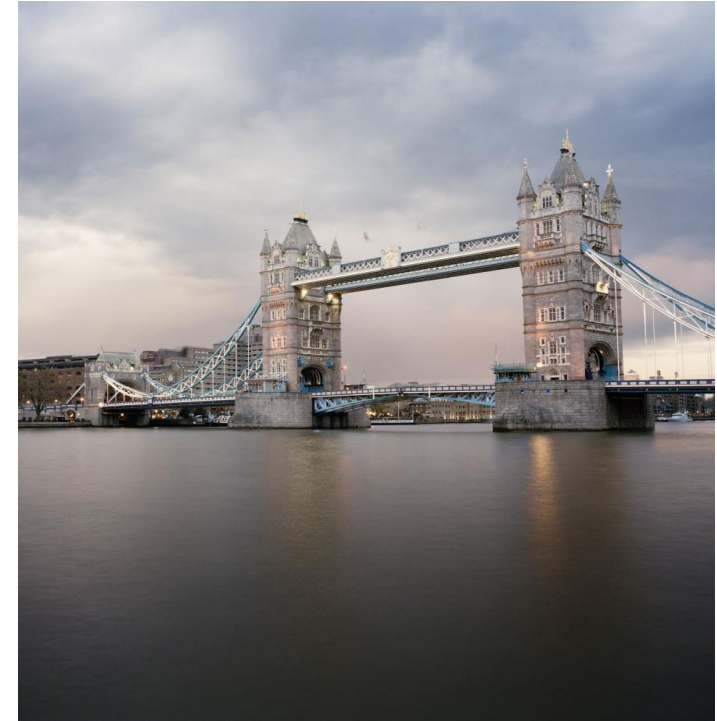


# Top 10 facts

- 1. England is part of the United Kingdom. Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland are the other countries that make up the UK.
- 2. For a small country, **England has a big population** – it's estimated to be about 54.3 million!
- 3. **London is England's capital city** and it's visited by millions of tourists each year. There are 51 cities (including Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds and Sheffield) and 935 towns in England.
- 4. There are lots of different landscapes in England, including forests and moorland. England also has a very long coastline.
- 5. The River Thames flows through London and is the longest river in England at 346 kilometres long.
- 6. Scafell Pike is England's highest point. It's found in Cumbria and is 978 metres high.
- 7. **Football is the most popular sport in England, but rugby and cricket are also very well supported.**
- 8. The currency used in England is the British pound sterling.
- 9. England has been home to many famous authors but [William Shakespeare](#) is perhaps the most well-known!
- 10. St George is the patron saint of England and St George's Day is celebrated on 23 April. The English flag is the red St George's Cross centred on a white background.



- Although the Thames is the longest river in England, the Severn is actually the longest river in the UK. It stretches 220 miles in length and is located in both England and Wales!
- Windermere is England's largest lake.
- London is home to 8 million people and many nationalities and in fact **more languages (about 300) are spoken in the capital's schools than in any other country in the world!**
- England and France are perhaps closer to each other than you might think! At its closest point, England is only 21 miles from the coast of France. England and France are connected by the Channel Tunnel which opened in 1994. The Channel Tunnel is the second-longest underground tunnel in the world.
- **England has a huge coastline – nowhere in the country is more than 75 miles from the sea!**
- The 'Industrial Revolution', a time when many new machines were invented, began in England. Many famous inventors and scientists were born in England like [Isambard Kingdom Brunel](#), [George Stephenson](#), [Charles Darwin](#) and [Isaac Newton](#). English inventions include the steam engine, passenger railway, the telephone, the lightbulb, the vacuum cleaner and the chocolate bar!
- Everybody has heard of William Shakespeare, but England has also produced many other world-famous authors, such as Charles Dickens, Jane Austen, Lewis Carroll and, more recently J.K.Rowling.
- **Tea is probably the English national drink! Every day, the British drink 165 million cuppas.**
- England has 24 native types of mammal, including badgers, foxes, deer and hedgehogs.



# Of the following have you visited? Choose 3 places and write a short fact file for the three.

- The Houses of Parliament in London
- Bodiam Castle, East Sussex
- Sunrise at Stonehenge
- The Jurassic Coast in Dorset
- A full English breakfast
- The village of Shaftesbury
- Tower Bridge in London
- A cream tea
- Cambridge
- The Angel of the North
- Buckingham Palace
- The Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace
- Cumbria in the Lake District
- The Yorkshire Dales
- Cromer Pier, Norfolk
- Gloucester Cathedral cloisters
- Oxford
- Sterling currency
- Whitby Abbey
- The White Cliffs of Dover

# Word of the week

- Clamber
- What does it mean?
- Use it in a sentence.

# Spellings to practise

- Alienate
- Validate
- Captivate
- Activate
- Motivate
- Communicate
- Medicate
- Elasticate
- Hyphenate
- pollinate

Practise and use in sentences.