

## Resignation in the United Kingdom (June 25, 2026)

# TEACHING GUIDE

**What?** The resignation of the UK's Prime Minister, Keir Starmer, forced out by his own party.

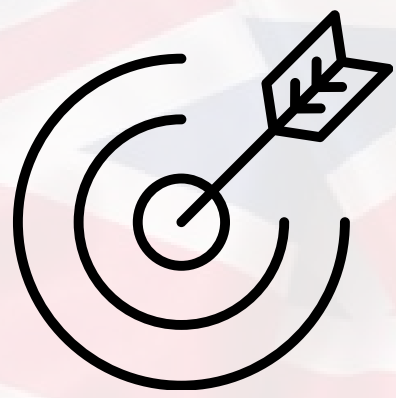
**Who?** Keir Starmer, British Prime Minister since July 2024, and Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester, who is expected to succeed him.

**Where?** In the United Kingdom, a European country made up of four nations: England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

**When?** On Monday, June 22, 2026, in front of the famous 10 Downing Street in London.

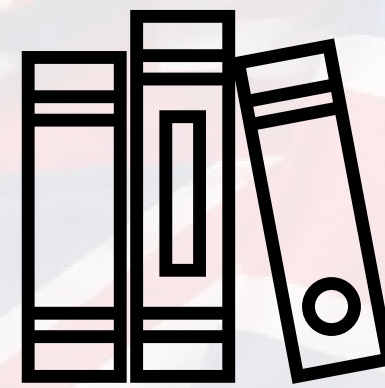
**Why is it important?** Because the UK will soon have its seventh Prime Minister in ten years—unprecedented in two centuries in one of the world's oldest democracies.

**For this activity, your goal will be to learn more about the United Kingdom.**



### OBJECTIVES

- Discover what the United Kingdom is and the four nations that comprise it.
- Understand the origin and composition of the Union Jack flag.
- Read and interpret a data table (population, area).
- Calculate and compare percentages and proportions using real data.



### SUBJECTS

- **English**
  - Reading and comprehension
  - Written expression (short answers)
- **Mathematics**
  - Percentages and proportions
  - Reading data tables
  - Comparing numbers
  - Division
- **Social studies / Geography**
  - European countries
  - Political structure of the United Kingdom
- **General knowledge**
  - National flags and symbols



### COMPETENCIES

- Read and understand an informational text
- Perform percentage and proportion calculations
- Read and interpret a data table
- Make connections between different pieces of information
- Compare numerical data



### DURATION

- Approximately 60 minutes



### GETTING STARTED

- Ask the child if they know what the United Kingdom is.
- Ask them if they know the difference between England and the United Kingdom.
- Discuss: Have you ever seen the Union Jack? Where? (T-shirt, backpack, guitar...)
- Ask them if they can name the four nations that make up the United Kingdom.
- Gather their hypotheses: Why is this country called the "United Kingdom"?



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### A Vast Kingdom To Explore!

Population density is the number of people living in each square kilometer of a territory. The higher the number, the more densely populated the country!

Calculating it is simple:  $\text{population} \div \text{area} = \text{density}$

For example, for the United Kingdom:  $68,500,000 \div 244,476 \text{ km}^2 = 280 \text{ inhabitants/km}^2$

Now it's your turn! Calculate the population density of each country in the table. Which one is the most densely populated? Which one is the least?

Country	Population	Area	Density
England	57,900,000	130,462 km <sup>2</sup>	
Scotland	5,500,000	78,801 km <sup>2</sup>	
Wales	3,200,000	20,783 km <sup>2</sup>	
Northern Ireland	1,900,000	14,430 km <sup>2</sup>	
<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>	<b>68,500,000</b>	<b>244,476 km<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>280 hab./km<sup>2</sup></b>

You want to tour the capital cities of the four countries of the United Kingdom. Using Google Earth, calculate the total straight-line distance you will have to travel!



Have you noticed something strange? The Union Jack is made up of the flags of England, Scotland, and Ireland... But Wales isn't there!

Why? Because in 1707, when the Union Jack was created, Wales had already been part of England for over 400 years. So, it didn't have a flag to add.

