

## Introduction

This support pack accompanies the video:  
*How to understand the difference between the UK and Great Britain.*

To watch the video online, go to:

<http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/how/how-understand-difference-between-uk-and-great-britain>

This support pack contains the following materials:

- a pre-watching vocabulary activity;
- the transcript;
- a comprehension task



## Before you watch / read

Match the words and phrases in the table to their definitions.

1. nation	2. state	3. prime minister
4. head of state	5. government	6. parliament

## Definitions:

- The group of people who control a country
- The leader of the government (in some countries)
- An area represented and recognised by one government
- The official leader of a country – often someone with no real political power
- The group or groups of people who make up the government
- A group of people who share a common culture

**Transcript:****How to understand the difference between the UK and Great Britain**

**Man:** So where are you from?

**Woman:** Scotland. Are you Scottish too?

**Man:** Well no, I'm English actually, but... you know... it's all like the same thing, isn't it?

**Woman:** Not exactly.

**Man:** Go on! Isn't Scotland just like well, a bit of England?

**Woman:** No, it is not!

**Man:** Sorry, Britain I mean.

**Woman:** "Britain" is not "England"!

**Man:** Well yeah... I know that, I'm not stupid or anything... but Britain's like, England, Scotland and Wales, isn't it?

**Woman:** Not exactly.

**Man:** Yeah, it is; the UK, the United Kingdom.

**Woman:** The United Kingdom is "Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland".

**Man:** Oh I see, but we're all like the same nation, aren't we?

**Woman:** Not really. Four nations, one state.

**Man:** Oh, I get it! So the UK (is) like the same as Great Britain...

**Woman:** Great Britain is a geographical term – it's a big island with Scotland, England, and Wales on it.

**Man:** All right, but we all have the same prime minister, don't we?

**Woman:** Yes. And the same head of state.

**Man:** The Queen!

**Woman:** Exactly.

**Man:** And the same government?

**Woman:** Well, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland have their own local parliaments.

**Man:** Oh. I see.

**Woman:** It's complicated.

**Man:** Yeah, I can see that.

## Comprehension Task

### True or false

Read the statements below and decide if they are true or false.

1. The woman is English.
2. Scotland is a bit of England.
3. Wales and England are not the same nation.
4. The UK is Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland.
5. The UK has one head of state, the Queen.
6. The UK has one parliament.
7. It's complicated.

## Answers

*Comprehension Task: 1 - false, 2 - false, 3 - true, 4 - true, 5 - true, 6 - false, 7 - true*

*Before you watch: 1 - f, 2 - c, 3 - b, 4 - d, 5 - a, 6 - e*