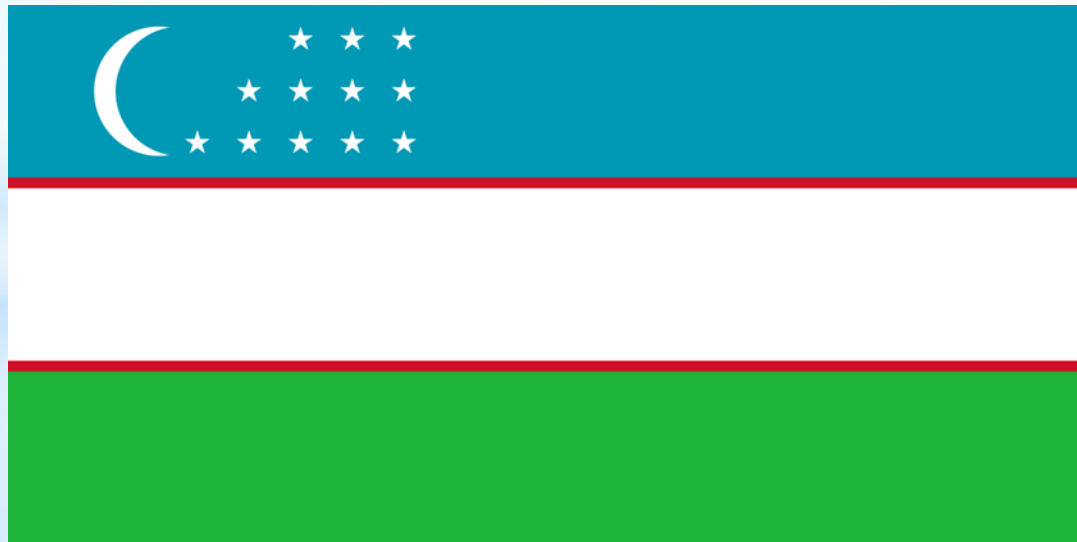


The Republic of Uzbekistan and the United Kingdom of Great Britain

Uzbekistan- The Gem of the East



Uzbekistan



Uzbekistan officially the Republic of Uzbekistan is a Central Asia. It is a unitary, constitutional, presidential republic, comprising 12 provinces, 1 autonomous republic, and 1 independent city. Uzbekistan is bordered by five countries: Kazakhstan and the Aral Sea to the north; Tadjikistan to the southeast; Kyrgyzstan to the northeast; Afghanistan to the south; and Turkmenistan to the southwest.

Welcome to Uzbekistan

It subsequently became the independent Republic of Uzbekistan on 31 August 1991 (officially, as of the following day). Most of Uzbekistan`s population today belong to the Uzbek ethnic group and speak Uzbek, a language belonging to the family of Turkic languages. Uzbekistan`s economy relies mainly on commodity production, including cotton, gold, uranium, and natural gas.



Geographical facts



Uzbekistan has an area of 447,400 square kilometers (172,700 sq mi). It is the 56th largest country in the world by area and the 42nd by population. Uzbekistan is a dry, landlocked country. It is one of two doubly landlocked countries in the world (that is, a country completely surrounded by landlocked countries). Less than 10% of its territory is intensively cultivated irrigated land in river valleys and oases. The rest is vast desert (Kyzyl Kum) and mountains.

Historical sites of Uzbekistan



Historical and architectural monuments of Tashkent:

Tashkent – is one of the most biggest city in Central Asia - the capital of the Republic of Uzbekistan. Tashkent was called Chach. Chach was a crossroads on the way of cold export, precious stones, spices and splendid horses to another towns and states. Today Tashkent, in translation from uzbek standing for "Stone town" is a capital of modern Republic, keeping the evidence of feature, the memory of many history events of Uzbekistan.



SAMARKAND



BUKHARA

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland



Where is the UK?

The UK is situated on the British Isles, north-west of the European continent between the Atlantic Ocean and the North Sea.

The official name of UK is the "United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland"



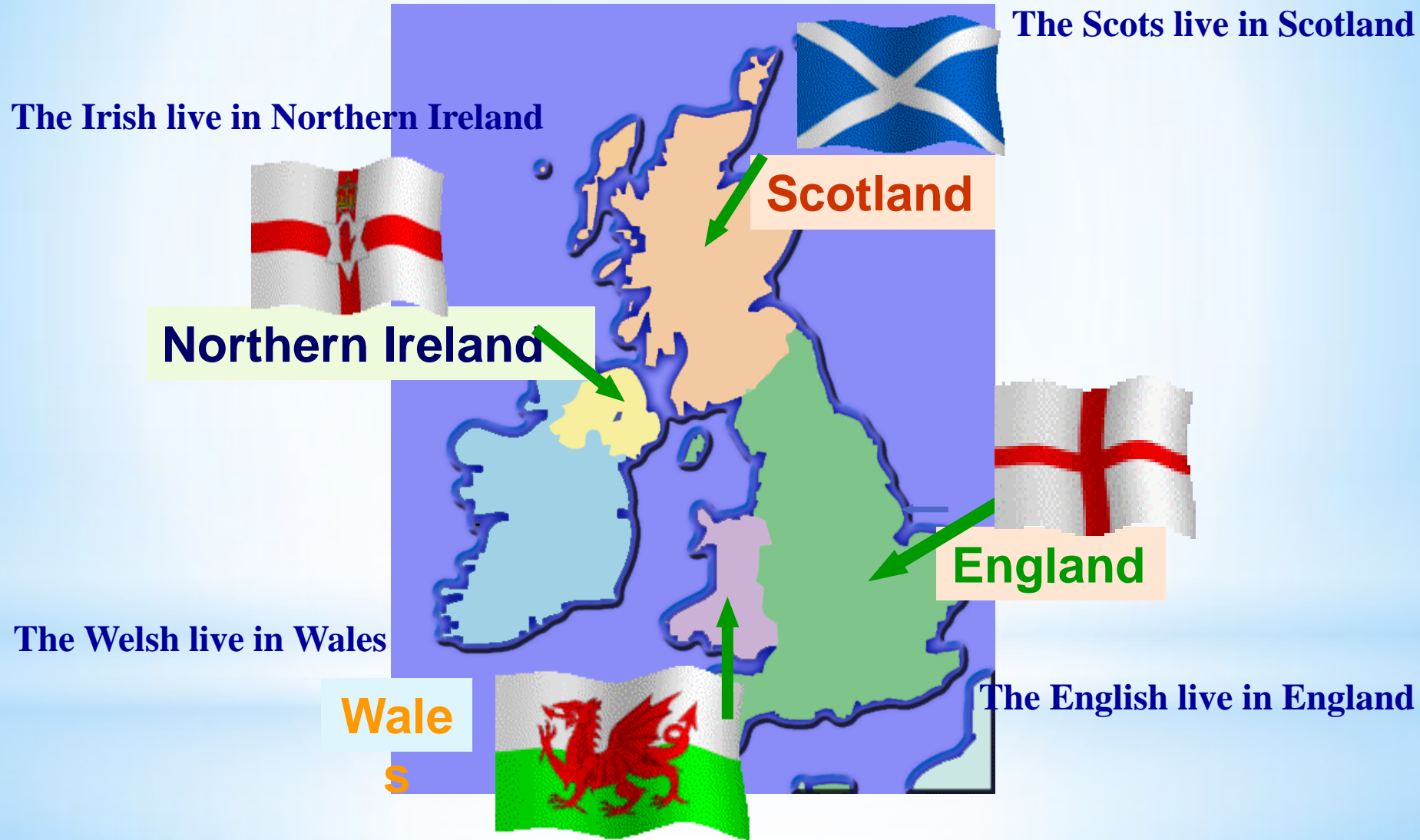
London, the capital of the UK

Buckingham Palace

The official home of the British Royal family in London, containing more than 600 rooms.



What countries make up the UK?



Why doesn't the Welsh dragon appear on the Union Flag?



Northern Ireland



Scotland



England

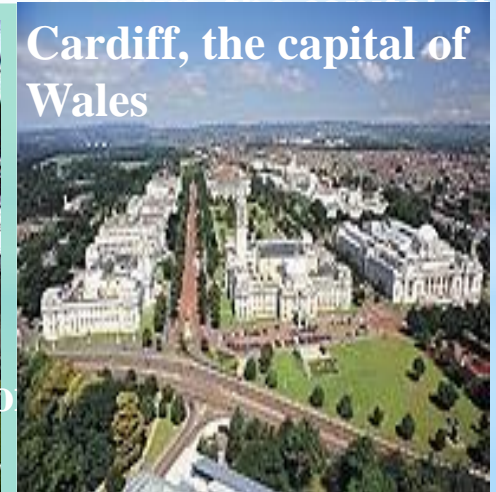
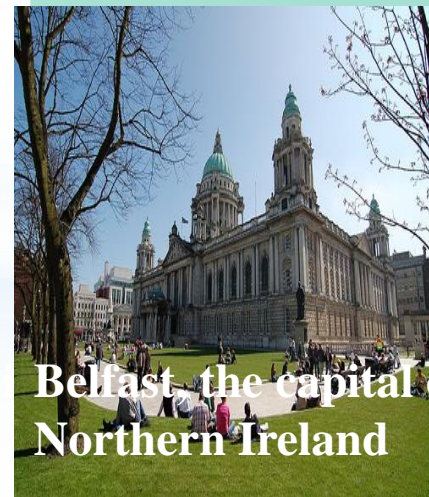
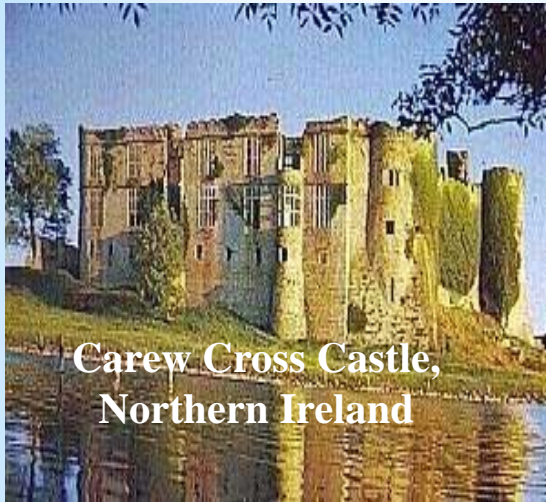
The Welsh dragon does not appear on the flag because when the first Union Flag was created in 1606, Wales was already united with England from the 13th century.

What would the Union Flag look like if Wales was represented?



Here you can see a version of the Union flag offered by a Welsh MP in 2007.

Landmarks of the UK



National Holidays of the UK and Uzbekistan



National Holidays of Uzbekistan

National Holidays

January 1 New Year

March 8 International Women`s Day

March 21 Navruz

May 9 Day of Memory and Remembrance

September 1 Independence Day

December 8 Constitution Day

Hait (Eid-Al-Fitr)

Qurban-Hait (Eid-Al-Adha)

Note: Muslim holidays are determined
in accordance with a Lunar Calendar



Uzbek Holidays

Official Holidays in Uzbekistan

Each year Uzbekistan celebrates seven public holidays: 1st of January – New Year, 8th of March – International Women’s Day, 21st of March – Navruz, 9th of May – Memorial Day, 1st of September – Independence Day, 1st of October – Teacher’s Day, 8th of December – Constitution Day. Also Uzbekistan celebrates the Day of Defenders of Motherland on January 14 and the Day of Remembrance for the victims of political repressions, observed on August 31, though these holidays are not free days. Two major Muslim holidays in Uzbekistan, Ramadan Khait and Kurban Khait, are days off and are celebrated each year according to the lunar calendar.



Independence Day of Uzbekistan

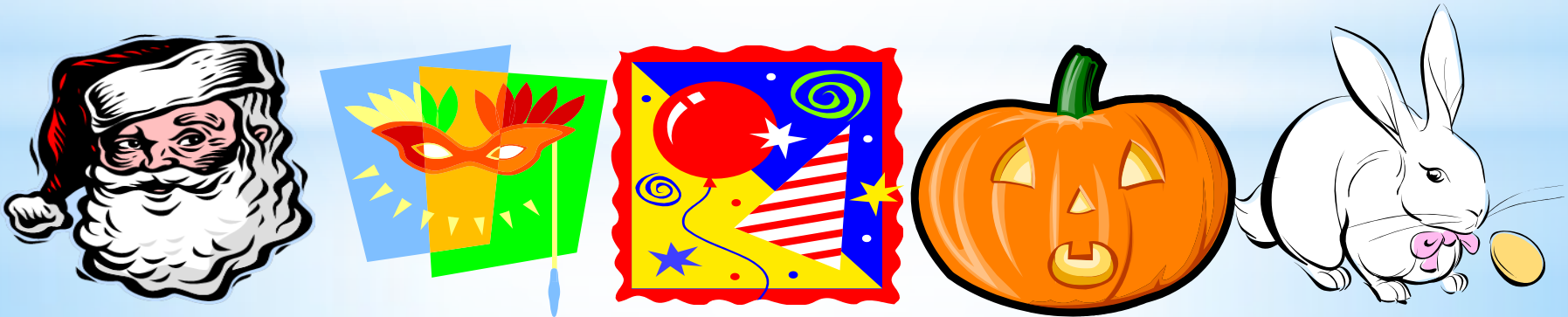
Independence gave to Uzbekistan new holidays, symbols of a new page in the history of the country: Independence Day, Constitution Day, Day of Defenders of the Motherland and others. The Independence Day is widely celebrated. On September 1 many great cultural events such as shows, concerts, festivals and other entertaining events to mark the birthday of independent Uzbekistan take place throughout the country.

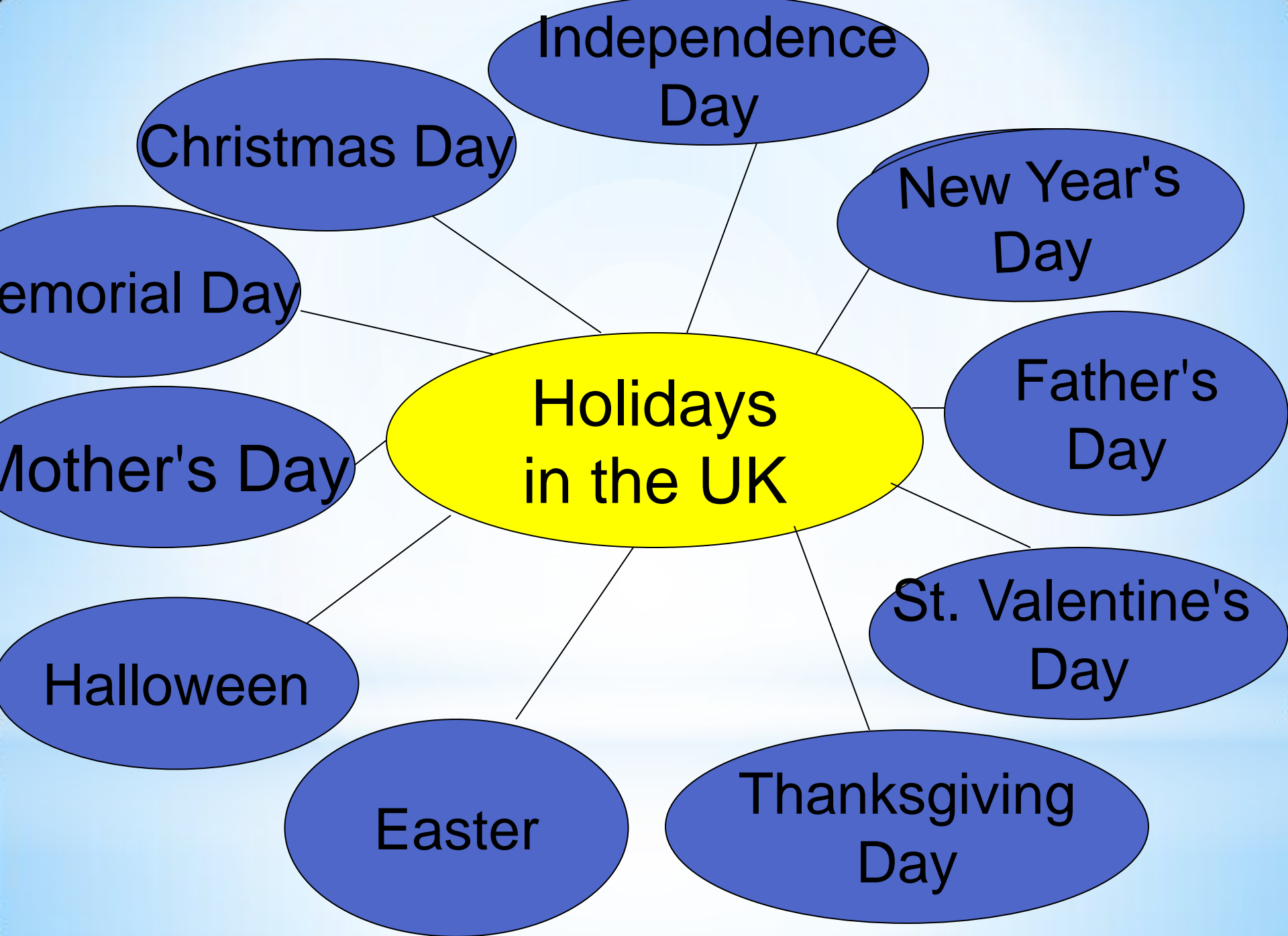


What do you know about National holidays of the UK?

Imagine you have got an invitation from your friend who lives in the USA to take part in their national holidays. Tell what you know about the holiday traditions in this country.

Look at Mind Map
and make up as many sentences as possible.



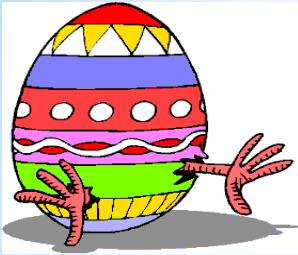




Christmas

The most widely celebrated holiday of the Christian year, Christmas is observed as the anniversary of the birth of Jesus. Christmas customs are centuries old. Use of such plant as a holly comes from the ancient belief that such plants blossomed at Christmas. Comparatively recent is the Christmas tree, first set up in Germany in the 17th century, and the use of candles on trees developed from the belief that candles appeared by miracle on the trees at Christmas.





Easter Sunday

This holiday is observed in all Christian churches. Easter commemorates the Resurrection of Jesus. It is celebrated on the first Sunday after the full moon which occurs on the next day after March 21 and is celebrated between March 22 and April 25 inclusive.





HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Halloween

This holiday on October 31 is not an official one, it is a very special day. It is traditionally associated in some countries with old customs such as telling ghost stories, bonfires and so on. This is the way the Celts welcomed the beginning of winter.

