

Student's Worksheet

United Kingdom - Cities and places of interest

Here are some places and cities which attract millions of tourists every year:

Stonehenge

It is one of the most prehistoric sites in the world. It is situated in Salisbury Plain in Southwest England. It was built between 3,000 and 1,500 BC. It consists of a circular earth bank and ditch and the remains of two circles of huge stones (up to 4 m high) and an altar stone in the middle. Why it was built is a mystery. It might have been e.g.: a temple, a cemetery or an observatory.

Salisbury Cathedral

Not far from Stonehenge stands Salisbury Cathedral. It's a Gothic Cathedral which was built in the 12th century and it has the highest spires in England. Inside the cathedral there is one of four copies of the Magna Charta.

Oxford

It is a home of the oldest university in Britain. It has 33 colleges. The most famous college is Christ Church. It has a great hall dating from the reign of Henry VIII and its chapel has become the Cathedral of Oxford. It is known as "the city of dreaming spires" referring to the architecture of Oxford's university buildings with a lot of spires.

Cambridge

It is a home of Britain's second oldest university. It has 31 colleges including the Trinity College with the famous library. It is situated on the river Cam and it has many common features with Oxford.



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Canterbury

It's an ancient city with a beautiful Gothic cathedral which is known thanks to Chaucer's Canterbury Tales. But it is also the cathedral of the Archbishop of Canterbury, leader of the Church of England. And up till now it has been a place of pilgrimage. Not only a lot of tourists, but also a lot of pilgrims come here to pray at the shrine of the archbishop Thomas Becket who was murdered here in 1170.

Winchester and York

The other old cathedral towns are Winchester and York. Winchester is the former capital city of England and its cathedral is the largest cathedral in Europe.

The cathedral in York known as York Minster is one of the largest of its kind in Northern Europe. The minster is the seat of the Archbishop of York, the second-highest office of the Church of England.

Brighton, Bournemouth, Portsmouth

These favourite holiday resorts are situated in the south coast of England. They have fine sandy beaches and a nice atmosphere.

Typical Brighton landmarks are the Royal Pavilion – a former royal palace built in Indo-Saracenic style and the Brighton Pier – full of funfair and restaurants.

Bournemouth is known for "the Britain's coolest pier" - the Boscombe Pier.

Portsmouth is a naval port and home to some famous ships including HMS *Warrior*, the Tudor carrack *Mary Rose* and Lord Nelson's flagship, HMS *Victory*.

Plymouth

Plymouth has a proud maritime heritage. From this place in 1588 Sir Francis Drake set out to beat the Spanish Armada and in 1620 a group of 102 Puritans who wanted to escape from religious persecution sailed from here in a ship



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called the Mayflower to settle the American continent. (In the photo you can see Britannia – the National Armada Memorial.)

Bath

The tourists visit this city to see the remains of its Roman bath built 2,000 years ago.

Stratford-upon-Avon

This town in the heart of England is the birthplace of William Shakespeare. You can visit a lot of places connected with his life here and he is buried here in the Holy Trinity Church. His plays are performed here in the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, in the Royal Shakespeare Theatre or in the Swan Theatre. Near to the town are Anne Hathaway's Cottage at Shottery, the home of Shakespeare's wife's family, and Mary Arden's House (Palmer's Farm), the family home of his mother.

Birmingham, Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds, Sheffield

All these are big industrial cities. Birmingham is the second largest city in Britain with interesting Victorian architecture.

Liverpool is home of two Premier League football clubs, Liverpool F.C. and Everton F.C. and the birthplace of the Beatles. There is John Lennon Airport.

In Manchester you can visit The Museum of Science and Industry or The Air and Space Museum. It's also known for its football club Manchester United.

Lake District

The Lake District National Park is situated in the north-west England. It's a popular holiday destination with a beautiful nature and it's the region where romantic poets Coleridge and Wordsworth wrote their poetry.



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Hadrian's Wall

The remains of the defensive fortification are situated on the border between England and Scotland. It was built in AD 122 during the rule of Roman emperor Hadrian to protect the Romans from the barbarians.

Edinburgh

The capital of Scotland Edinburgh is dominated by the Edinburgh Castle and it's full of attractive squares, tree-lined avenues and shopping centers. The University of Edinburgh, is ranked among the world's top 20. The city is also famous for the Edinburgh International Festival, which is one of the biggest annual international arts festivals in the world.

Glasgow

This old Victorian town situated on the river Clyde is the largest city of Scotland and one of the biggest seaports in the world. It's the cultural centre and it has some of the finest museums and galleries in Europe. Today it is also one of Europe's top ten financial centres.

Cardiff

It's the capital and largest city in Wales. The major tourist attraction is the Cardiff Castle which is situated in the heart of the city centre. But there are many other castles too. Cardiff claims to have the largest concentration of castles of any city in the world.

Snowdonia

It's a national park in north Wales. The name is derived from Snowdon which is the highest mountain in Wales. There is a beautiful nature with deep forests and a lot of protected animals.

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Task 3: Match the places to the items:

The Royal Pavillion	Birmingham
Swan Theatre	Salisbury Cathedral
Christ Church	Stratford-upon-Avon
The Mary Rose	Edinburgh
The castle in the city center	Cambridge
The Roman bath	Glasgow
Thomas Becket	Snowdonia
The former capital city of England	Brighton
Sir Francis Drake	Cardiff
2 nd largest city in Britain	Oxford
The Beatles	Lake District
The Boscombe Pier	Canterbury
Trinity College	Plymouth
The capital of Scotland	Winchester
Coleridge and Wordsworth	Bath
The NP in north Wales	Bournemouth
Hadrian's Wall	Liverpool
The biggest city in Scotland	Scottish border
Magna Charta	Portsmouth



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