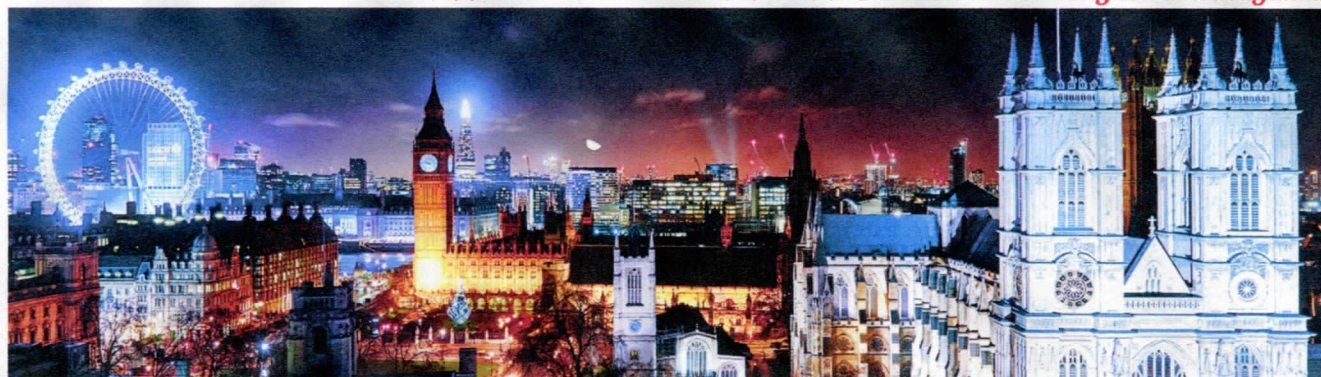


# United Kingdom

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Hi, everyone! Welcome back for another English Extravaganza! This week, I am going to tell you about the United Kingdom. Recently, there was a terrorist attack (テロ攻撃) in the United Kingdom, killing many people. My heart goes out to the victims and their families in this beautiful country.

The United Kingdom, also called the UK, is made up of (から成る) four nations: England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland. So, these four places make up the United Kingdom, but you

can also talk about just one. For example, people from Scotland are called Scottish and people from Wales are called Welsh. So, you can say Welsh and Scottish people are from the United Kingdom.

The United Kingdom is famous for sports and literature. Do you like soccer or golf? Well, soccer, rugby, cricket, boxing, and golf were all invented in the United Kingdom. The UK has produced many great writers, including William Shakespeare, Charles Dickens, and Robert Burns. I'm sure you have heard of Harry Potter. The author, J.K. Rowling, is from the UK.

One of the most popular foods in the United Kingdom is fish and chips. Chips are called fried potatoes in Japan, and French fries in



America. The fish and chips are wrapped in newspaper, and then salt and vinegar is added. It's delicious! Tea is very popular in the UK, too. There is even a meal for tea, called afternoon tea, and it is served after lunch. During afternoon tea, you can enjoy a cup and some small cakes and sandwiches. Indian food is also popular in the United Kingdom. The UK once ruled over (支配していた) India so many people from India moved to cities, like London. Well, that's all for this week. I'll see you next time!

