**England**

The national flag of England is white with a red cross. The rose is the national flower of England and the lion is the national animal. The lion is the symbol for many English sports teams.

**Scotland**

Scotland is a very beautiful country with many mountains, rivers and lochs or lakes. Scotland has its own parliament which makes laws for Scottish people. The Scottish parliament is in the capital city, Edinburgh.

**Wales**

The Welsh language is an old, Celtic language which is very different from English. For example, the Welsh name for ‘Wales’ is ‘Cymru’, ‘Good morning’ is ‘Bore da’ and ‘How are you?’ is ‘Sut mae?’. One of the longest place names in the world is a village in Wales called Llanfairpwllgwingyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllandysiliogogogoch.

**Northern Ireland**

Northern Ireland is a popular place to do outdoor activities. Football, rugby, cricket, Gaelic football and hurling, a type of hockey, are all popular in Northern Ireland. Gaelic football is similar to rugby because players can touch and kick the ball.