

# United States of America

**There are 50 states in the United States of America. Forty-eight of These states are in the south part of continent of North America, Between Canada and Mexico. The 49<sup>th</sup> state, Alaska, is in the north West of continent, next to Canada. The 50<sup>th</sup> state, Hawaii, is a group Of islands in the Pacific Ocean.**

**The capital of the USA is Washington DC (DC=District of Columbia).**

## United States is bordered :

- to south by Gulf of Mexico and the state of Mexico.
- to east by Atlantic Ocean.
- To west by Pacific Ocean.
- To nord by state of Canada and the Lake Superior.

## Rivers

**The chief river flowing into the Atlantic Ocean is the St.Lawrence, which, flowing from lake Ontario form the astonishing Niagara Falls. As concerns the rivers, the Mississippi-Missuori and the Ohio flow into the Gulf of Mexico; the Yukon (Alaska), the Columbia, the Colorado, flow into the Pacific Ocean.**

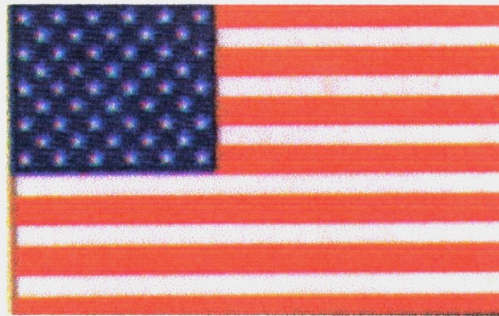






# Lakes

The main lakes are all in the north. They are: Lake Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie, Ontario; also called Canadian Lakes. The great Salt Lakes is situated on the west in the Rocky Mountains Which are the most important and the tallest, and go from Canada to Mexico.



# the Political Sistem

**The US is a federal government. Every four years, the American people elect a President. Today the President comes from one of the two main political parties: the Republicans and Democrats. The President lives in the White House in the capital city Washington DC. The American people also elect the members of the Congress. The Congress is a very important part of the government because it makes a laws. It contains two houses: the Senate and the House of Representative.**





# States

## Vermont

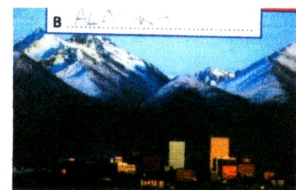


**Vermont is in the north-east of the USA: It's beautiful here.**

**There are hills, fields and forests. It isn't very hot- the weather's**

**Often could.**

## Alaska



**Alaska is near Canada: there are mountains and forests here, and a**

**lot of snow. It's could too. In the winter it can be very could-20 C**

**sometimes!**

## NEVADA



**Nevada is in the north-east of the Usa: there's a lot of desert here, but**

**There are mountains, too. It's very hot in Nevada. It doesn't rain**

**often. In the summer the temperature's 40 C.**

## LOUISIANA



**Louisiana is in the south of the USA: here the weather's hot. It rains**

**A lot, too, but it's warm. There are a lot of rivers and swamps in**

**Louisiana.**

# Hawaii

**Hawaii is a group of islands in the Pacific Ocean. The British explorer Captain Cook, discovered Hawaii in 1778.**

**In 1959, Hawaii became the 50<sup>th</sup> state of Usa. The capital of Hawaii Is Honolulu.**

**Lots of tourists go to Hawaii because of its climate, its beaches and Its natural beauty.**

**The Hawaii Volcanoes National Park contains two volcanoes: Mauna Loa and Kilauea, a desert, arctic tundra and rainforest!**

**Hawaii is also an important international centre for astronomy, the study of the stars.**



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## Therefore, here you are a complete list of the 50 states U.S. with their capitals.

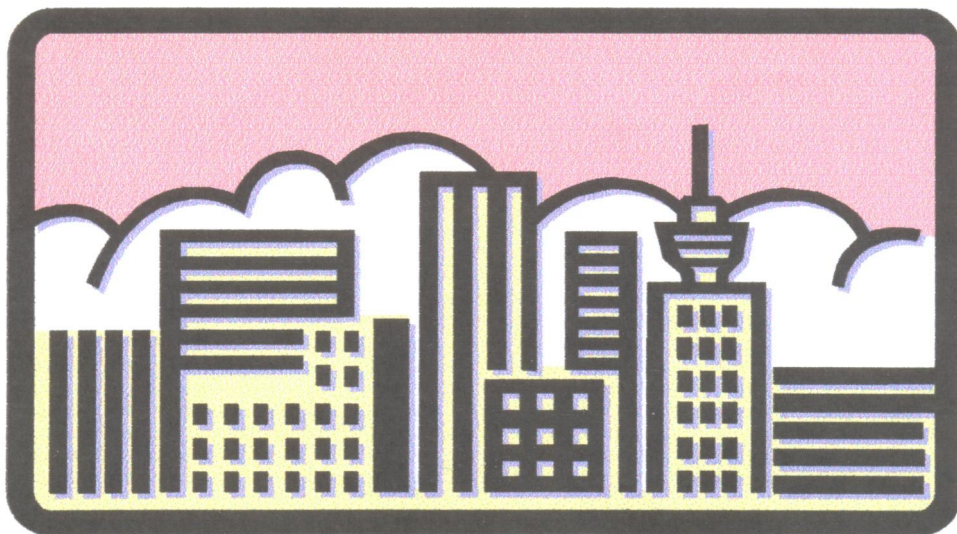
ALABAMA - MONTGOMERY  
ALASKA - JUNEAU  
ARIZONA - PHOENIX  
ARKANSAS - LITTLE ROCK  
CALIFORNIA - SACRAMENTO  
COLORADO - DENVER  
CONNECTICUT - HARTFORD  
DELAWARE - DOVER  
FLORIDA - TALLAHASSEE  
GEORGIA - ATLANTA  
HAWAII - HONOLULU  
IDAHO - BOISE  
ILLINOIS - SPRINGFIELD  
INDIANA - INDIANAPOLIS  
IOWA - DES MOINES  
KANSAS - TOPEKA  
KENTUCKY - FRANKFORT  
LOUISIANA - BATON ROUGE  
MAINE - AUGUSTA  
MARYLAND - ANNAPOLIS  
MASSACHUSETTS - BOSTON  
MICHIGAN - LANSING  
MINNESOTA - ST. PAUL  
MISSISSIPPI - JACKSON

MISSOURI - JEFFERSON CITY  
MONTANA - HELENA  
NEBRASKA - LINCOLN  
NEVADA - CARSON CITY  
NEW HAMPSHIRE - CONCORD  
NEW JERSEY - TRENTON  
NEW MEXICO - SANTA FE  
NEW YORK - ALBANY  
NORTH CAROLINA - RALEIGH  
NORTH DAKOTA - BISMARCK  
OHIO - COLUMBUS  
OKLAHOMA - OKLAHOMA CITY  
OREGON - SALEM  
PENNSYLVANIA - HARRISBURGH  
RHODE ISLAND - PROVIDENCE  
SOUTH CAROLINA - COLUMBIA  
SOUTH DAKOTA - PIERRE  
TENNESSEE - NASHVILLE  
TEXAS - AUSTIN  
UTAH - SALT LAKE CITY  
VERMONT - MONTPELIER  
VIRGINIA - RICHMOND  
WASHINGTON - OLYMPIA  
WEST VIRGINIA - CHARLESTON  
WISCONSIN - MADISON  
WYOMING - CHEYENNE

# New York

New York is famous for the amazing skyscrapers of Manhattan- For example, the Empire State Building and the Chrysler Building. Climb to the top of the Statue of Liberty. Get away from the noise Of the city in Central Park. Here you can visit the zoo or just sit in the sun.

There are some fantastic museum, including the world-famous Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Museum of Modern Art. There a lots of expensive shops in Fifth Avenue. The Rockefeller Centre is a big shopping centre but it is also a great place to eat. In the night there are lots of small theatres and clubs all over the city.





# Traditional Festivals

## *Independence day*

It was on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in 1776 that the English colonialists in America proclaimed a Declaration of independence from Great Britain. It's a national holiday. There are parades, shows, games and fireworks.

## *Memorial Day*

It's the last Monday in May. It commemorates Americans killed in all wars. People hang flags outside their homes.

## Colombus Day

This day, October 12<sup>th</sup>, is an important holiday in the USA. Colombus Was the man who opened the Western world to Europe.

## Thanksgiving

In 1620, the Pilgrims Fathers, a group of pilgrims sailed from England, celebrated their first harvest with a festival to thank God. It's an important American festival. Schools are closed and families meet and eat a Thanksgiving meal.

# Native Americans

## THE NAVAYO NATION

The Navayo Nation is a native American reservation and 200.000 people live inside. In this country the first Language is Navayo. Many tourists visit the Navayo Nation but they must respect the people and the traditions there. Visitors travel in a truck, on foot or on horseback. This is <sup>an</sup> a enourms desert area.

## The Hopi people

The Hopi people live in north east of Arizona, near to Navayo Reservation. They live in tree areas called “Meses”. The Hopi people are famous for “Dry Farming” and they are many lovers of their tradictions.



# **American Music: Rock and Roll**

**Rock and Roll was born in 1954. It was a kind of language for American youth. It was the voice for the ideas of love and peace. Its roots were in the gospel and blues of the American South. Elvis Presley was the “ King of Rock’n’Roll”. He sold millions of records. Famous today’s rock stars are Bruce Springsteen, Steve Wonder and Micheal Jackson.**

# American history.

DATE	EVENTS
20.000-30.000 years ago	The original Americans came from Asia.
1492	Christopher Columbus and the Europeans arrived and landed in America.
1607	The Portuguese and the Spaniards went to Central America and South America, the French went to the North America, where today is Canada and the English went where today are the USA.
1620	A group of English emigrants sailed on a big ship called "Mayflower". They landed in Massachusetts which became the first British colony. It was followed by others. So they became 13.
1621	It was celebrated the first Thanksgiving by the Pilgrim Fathers who invited their neighbours, the Indians, to thank God for the good harvest.
1720	The colonies were 13.
1765	The British imposed heavy taxes on newspapers, paper, ink, glass and especially tea, in order to pay for wars against France.
1773	Americans made a surprise attack against the British in the Boston Harbor. They threw cargoes of tea into the water.
1775	The American won the first battles at Lexington and Concord in Massachusetts.
1776	On the fourth of July the Americans signed their Declaration of Independence which is one of the most important and influential documents of the modern age. The fourth of July is now called "Independence Day".
1789	George Washington elected first President of the USA.
1792	George Washington elected President for a second term.
1861	The American Civil War began between the northern states and the southern states. The northern wanted to keep the Union which joined the North and the South and they wanted to abolish slavery. The southern states wanted to break away from the Union and keep slavery.
1865	The war ended. The northern states won and slavery ended.
20 <sup>th</sup> century	The USA became directly involved in European affairs because of the World Wars.
1917	America sided with Great Britain and the Allies and contributed to an early conclusion of the war. American weapons were new and powerful such as aeroplanes and submarines.
1929	After the war, America became the most prosperous nation in the world but there was a terrible economic crisis. Then Americans elected a great president, Franklin D. Roosevelt, who reorganized the country and gave it new prosperity.
1941	Under Roosevelt's presidency the USA had to fight the Second World War. They were helping Britain when the Japanese Air Force attacked the American naval base of Pearl Harbour, in Hawaii.
1942-45	So the United States forces fought in the Pacific, in Africa and in Europe. Thanks to their help, Paris was liberated, Hitler's Germany was defeated and Japan also had to surrender after the throwing of the two atomic bombs which destroyed Hiroshima and Nagasaki.
1948-53	United States made a program of financial assistance that helped to rebuild European nations devastated by World War II. This European Recovery Program is commonly called the Marshall Plan because it was started by George C. Marshall, secretary of state and of defence.
1960	Many nations, among them Italy, Great Britain, Ireland, Canada and the United States signed the Convention of OECD, Organization for European Economic Cooperation to administer the Marshall Plan and work together for postwar recovery.
1953	Marshall won the Nobel Peace Prize for its contribution to European recovery.



# UNITED KINGDOM

United kingdom is normally called United Kingdom of the Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It is an island nation.

The United Kingdom is composed by four historical regions: England ( 130.350 Km<sup>2</sup> ), Wales ( 20.760 Km<sup>2</sup> ), Scotland ( 78.765 Km<sup>2</sup> ), and Northern Ireland (14.140 Km<sup>2</sup> ). Northern Ireland is also known as Ulsters.

Also numerous small islands are included in Great Britain and between these islands I remember Shetland and Hebridean archipelagos.

The capital of United Kingdom is a largest city: London. It has any million inhabitants.

## UNITED KINGDOM IS BORDED BY FOUR SEAS

- 1) To south English channel separates United Kingdom from European continent.
- 2) To east there is North sea.
- 3) To west there are Irish sea, Celtic sea and Atlantic ocean.
- 4) To north there is Atlantic ocean.

## THE RIVERS

United Kingdom hasn't very long rivers, because it is a relatively small island. The Severn is a longest river ( 338 Km ); others major rivers are Tames and Trent.

## THE LANDSCAPE

The United Kingdom geography is very varied, ranging from the Grampian mountains of Scotland to the lowland fens of England. Scotland and Wales are most

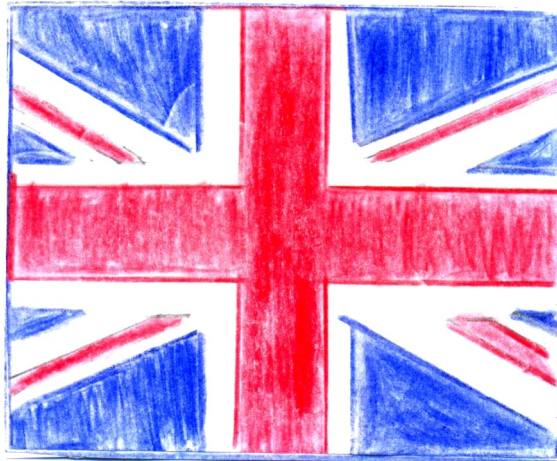
Mountainous regions of United Kingdom. The rest of United Kingdom is made up of gently hills with some green areas.

## **THE POLITICAL SISTEM**

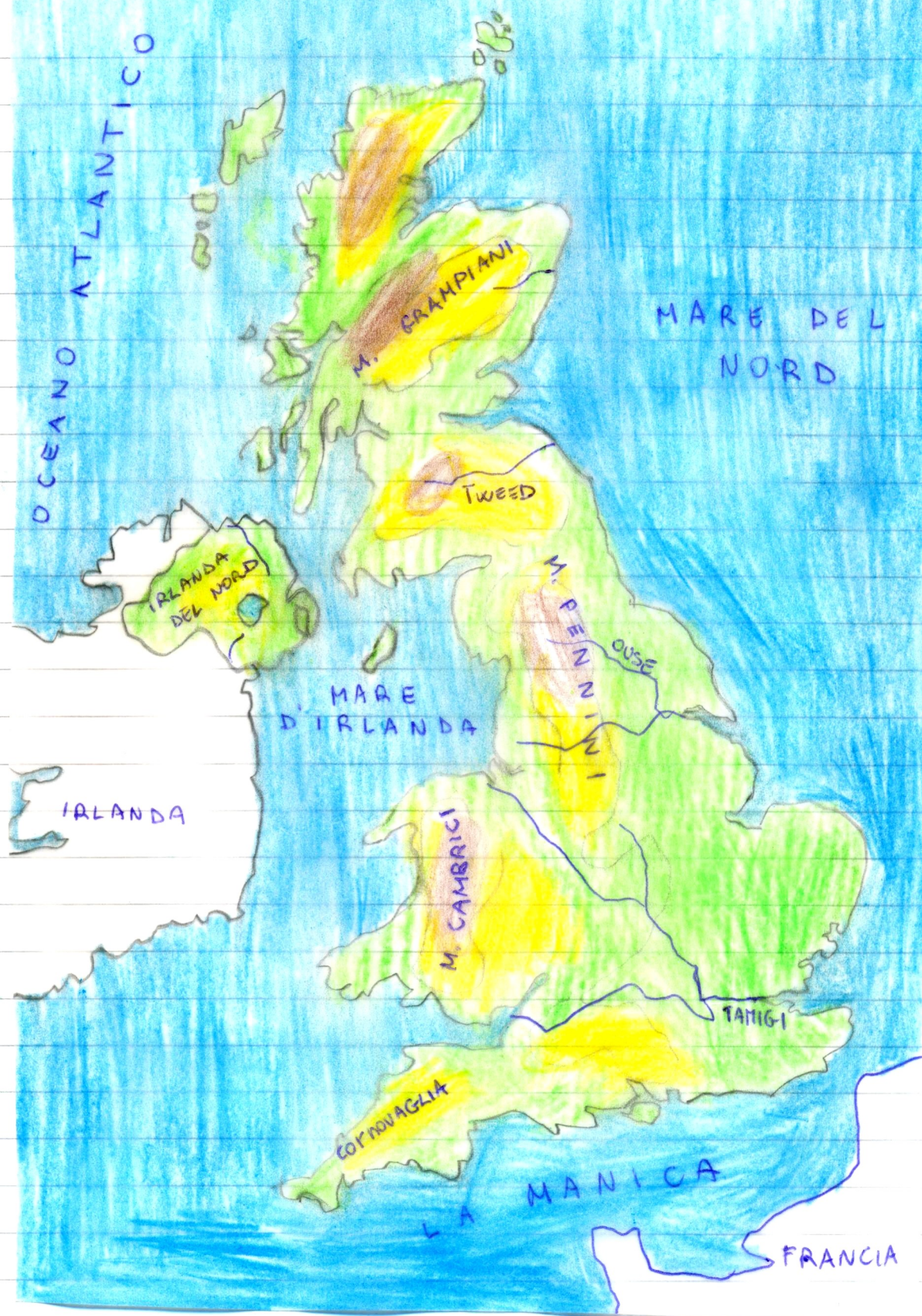
United Kingdom is a constitutional monarchy. It is the most ancient constitutional monarchy in Europe. The English throne could be inherited by women too.

The English Parliament was born many century ago: in XIII century A.D. It had become the model for many continental democracies.

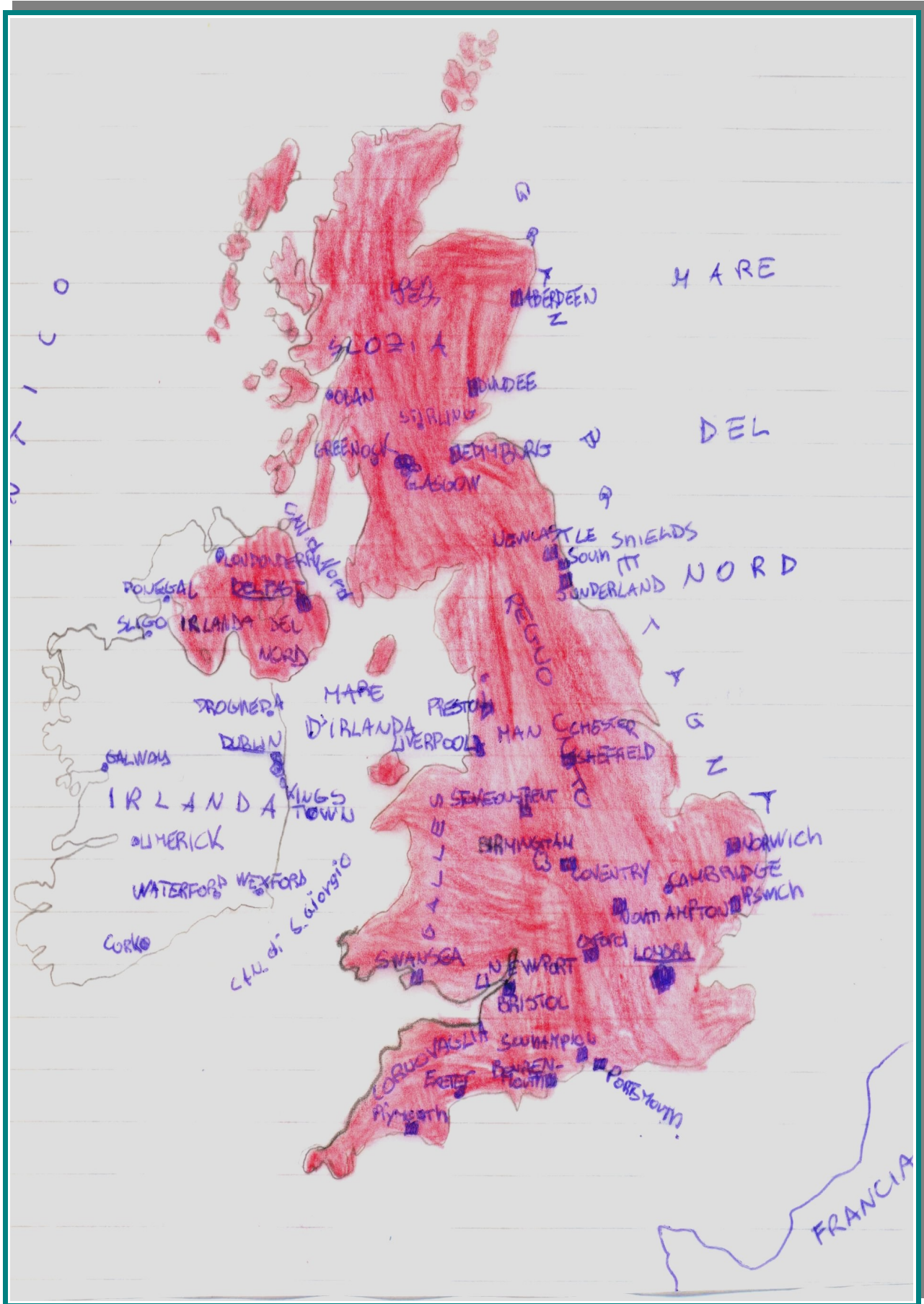
The English Parliament is composed of two houses: the house Lords and the house of Commons.







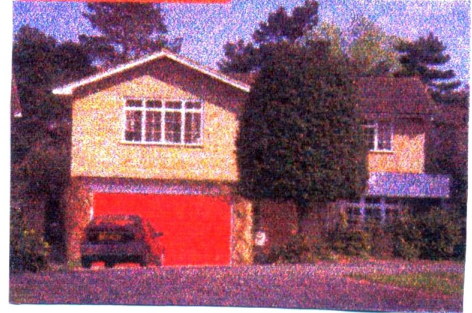
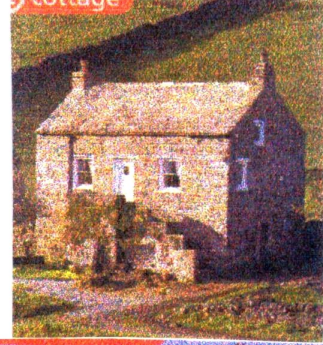




# THE BRITISH HOMES

THE TYPICAL ENGLISH HOUSES ARE:

- 1) BUNGALOW
- 2) COTTAGE
- 3) DETACHED HOUSE
- 4) FLAT
- 5) SEMI – DETACHED HOUSE
- 6) TERRACED HOUSE



## MY HOME

I LIVE IN A TERRACED HOUSE. IT HAS GOT A KITCHEN, A LIVING ROOM, A STUDY, A GARDEN, THREE BEDROOMS AND TWO BATHROOMS. MY HOME IS SMALL, BUT IT VERY NICE.





## *Britain's drinks*

The two most popular drinks in Britain are tea and beer.

A lot of English people love cooking: in fact many night programmes on Tv have cookery themes.

In big British cities it is also possible to find the international food into restaurants and into many supermarkets.

The traditional English pub always serve afternoon tea with cake and biscuits: the tourists love it too.





