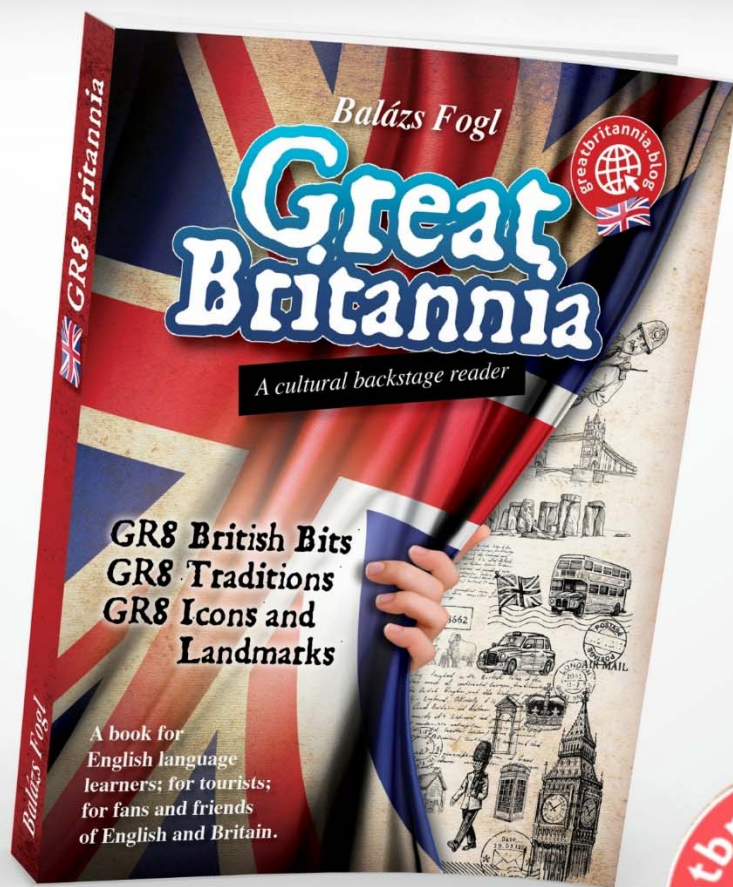


GR8 Britannia Teacher's Resource Pack



ABOUT *GR8 BRITANNIA – A cultural backstage reader*

The book published in 2019 introduces the greatest icons, landmarks, traditions and historical events of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The book contains three main chapters: Great British Bits, Great Traditions and Great Landmarks and Icons. It is based on 'infotainment', i.e. make information entertaining and fun to read. It is useful for English language learners, students of British culture, tourists and all those who are just interested in Britain – its past and present.

ABOUT *GR8 TEACHER'S RESOURCE PACK*

The 36 topics cover most of the chapters and subchapters from the book mentioned above. However, *GR8 Teacher's Resource Pack* can be used separately from the book *GR8 Britannia – A cultural backstage reader*, since the topics in the pack are all based on general interest and information. **The goal of this resource pack is to give new ideas to EFL Teachers on teaching about British culture.**

Each activity requires a minimum level of A2 by the CEFR.

KEY FEATURES

- Listening tasks, all of which are read and told by native speakers of various English accents
- Audio files and videos
- Pair-work activities, speaking tasks
- Numerous reading tasks of all kinds (reading for gist, True/False, scanning or skimming for information)
- Gap-filling and cloze-test activities
- Cut-outs for pair-work activities
- Labelling pictures

COMPONENTS

The resource pack has its online version, 31 out of the 36 topics are available. Online classroom includes interactive activities, embedded videos and audio files for listening. E-mail gr8@greatbritannia.blog for more information, accessibility and technical guidance.

Audio for the GR8 Teacher's Resource Pack is available either in mp3-files or on audio CD.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TEACHERS

GR8 Teacher's Pack consists of 36 topics. Each begins with the Teacher's notes including

- aim of each task
- timing
- vocabulary covered
- methods and ways to study each topic and task
- 'GR8 to Know'-bits: extra background information for Teachers
- key to tasks and audio transcripts



The Teacher's notes are followed by the Student's pages including the tasks.

ABBREVIATIONS USED in GR8 Britannia – Teacher's Resource pack

In the Vocabulary sections: (adj.) – adjective; (adv.) – adverb; (n.) – noun; (n.phr.) – noun phrase;
(pl.n.) – plural noun; (phr.) – phrase; (phr.v.) – phrasal verb; (sl.) – slang; (v.) – verb;
BCE – Before Common Era; CE – Common Era; T – teacher; S – student; SS - students

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TOPICS IN DETAIL

	TITLE <i>* means that the task is partly or fully available online</i>	TOPIC & LEXIS	TIMING	SKILL FOCUS / TASKS
1	<i>Afternoon Tea – Drinking Etiquette and Teatime Crossword*</i>	Tea vocabulary and crossword How to drink tea the proper way	25–30'	Listening, Speaking <i>True or False, crossword, pair work – defining words</i>
2	<i>Animals in Britain</i>	12 popular British species; their classification, diet, habitat, lifespan, size and distinctive features	50–60'	Speaking, Reading <i>Pair-/group work, asking for specific information</i>
3	<i>A Year for the Queen*</i>	Special Royal days and events in the U.K., telling dates Royal residences	30–40'	Reading <i>Matching</i>
4	<i>Brief History of Britain*</i>	Greatest historical events of Britain, names of remarkable times and eras	45'	Reading <i>Matching</i>
5	<i>British Event Calendar*</i>	Special days, holidays and events in Britain throughout the year	35'	Speaking, Reading <i>Completing a table; matching terms and pictures</i>
6	<i>British Food*</i>	Main meals; desserts, puddings A recipe	35'	Speaking, Listening <i>Labelling pictures; completing a recipe</i>
7	<i>Broadway – Describing a Place</i>	Language of tourist guides and a look at the beautiful Cotswolds, the surrounding and history of the village of Broadway Adjectives to describe a place Sights and landmarks, general vocabulary	40–50'	Listening, Speaking, Writing <i>Categorizing words, listening for specific information, discussion, writing about a place of interest</i>
8	<i>Can You Name It?*</i>	Anything connected to British history – a task for how to give definitions and use Relative Clauses	25–30'	Speaking, Reading
9	<i>Castles in Medieval Times*</i>	Types of castles, parts of a castle, life at a castle	40'	Speaking, Reading <i>Matching terms and definitions, labelling pictures, gap-filling</i>
10	<i>Christmas Pudding Story*</i>	Brief history of the Christmas pudding	20'	Reading <i>Matching words and definitions, text completion</i>
11	<i>College Slang*</i>	Slang words and expressions used by students at Cambridge Colleges and University and at Eton Boarding schools	45'	Reading, <i>Gap-filling, Matching</i>

12	<i>Creatures of British Folklore*</i>	Mythical and mystical characters from English, Welsh and Scottish folklore	25'	Reading <i>Matching texts and images</i>
13	<i>The British Empire*</i>	The beginnings of the Empire; importance and down sides of colonisation; vocabulary of discoveries	40'	Listening, Reading, Speaking
14	<i>Great Britons*</i>	Some of the greatest inventors, discoverers, scientists and athletes of Britain	25'	Reading, Speaking <i>Matching, pair work – “walkie-talkie” task</i>
15	<i>The Green Man*</i>	All about the pre-Christian mystical figure, the Green Man	25'	Listening, Reading <i>Listening for words, scanning for information</i>
16	<i>The Highland Games*</i>	An overall introduction to Highland Games Unusual sporting events The Stirling Games	25' +	Speaking; Reading <i>Matching, pair work – asking for specific information, gap-filling</i>
17	<i>King Edward I in Wales*</i>	The conquest of Wales by Edward I Castle building of the 13 th century	45'	Listening, Reading <i>Matching words and definitions; reading for specific information, guessing what pictograms for tourist attraction visitors mean</i>
18	<i>Kings and Queens*</i>	The most important sovereigns of Britain	25'	Speaking, Reading <i>Matching</i>
19	<i>Loch Lomond*</i>	A popular song from Scotland Scots words and expressions	25'	Listening <i>Cloze-test, matching Scots words with English equivalents</i>
20	<i>London by William Blake*</i>	Understanding and briefly analysing a popular English poem The language of Blake; words with negative meaning	25–30'	Listening, Reading <i>Matching, finding adjectives, explaining metaphors</i>
21	<i>London Slang: Cockney and MLE*</i>	Brief history and several examples for the popular Rhyming Cockney Slang Introduction to Multicultural London English, examples of 21 st -century 'slanguage'	30'	Reading <i>Matching expressions and images, matching slang terms and definitions</i>
22	<i>Money in Britain*</i>	Pound Sterling and previous currencies Money-based vocabulary including everyday slang	25–30'	Reading <i>Gap-filling, matching, money-slang</i>
23	<i>The Story of Mr. Bean*</i>	How the world-beloved clumsy Bean-figure was created and what actor Rowan Atkinson thinks about him	30'	Reading <i>Text completion; reordering letters to make words</i>
24	<i>Music is Their Life*</i>	Some of the greatest musicians (bands, singers, composers) from Britain	30'	<i>A fun task about musicians and popular songs</i>

25	<i>Parts of a Car*</i>	From accelerator to windscreen, vocabulary of car-parts	10–15'	<i>Labelling images</i>
26	<i>Roly Poly Pudding</i>	A recipe in the Victorian Way Glossary of cooking instructions	30'	<i>Listening, Speaking, Writing Correct order, completing a recipe, writing a recipe</i>
27	<i>Roman Britain*</i>	Parts of a Roman town, rooms inside a Roman villa Roman names of important towns in England How the Romans invaded Britannia	45–50'	<i>Listening, Speaking, Reading Labelling images, reading a map</i>
28	<i>The Roundel*</i>	Public transport in London How to travel on The Tube	35'	<i>Speaking, Listening, Reading, Matching, DOs and DON'Ts</i>
29	<i>Shakespeare's Globe*</i>	The Globe's history in brief; parts of the theatre All the World is a Stage	40'	<i>Listening, Speaking, Reading Understanding Shakespeare's words, labelling a picture, building a story</i>
30	<i>Sights and Landmarks*</i>	Great icons and landmarks of Britain Word formation	30'	<i>Reading Gap-filling, word formation</i>
31	<i>Sport in Britain*</i>	List of the most popular sports in Britain Crossword	30–40'	<i>Speaking Pair work – crossword activity, identifying pictograms</i>
32	<i>Symbols and Icons*</i>	National symbols of the United Kingdom and its countries Various icons and landmarks from tartan to the Giant's Causeway	20'	<i>Reading, Speaking Matching words and images, matching terms and descriptions</i>
33	<i>The Fox Went out...*</i>	A popular English folk song	15'	<i>Listening Matching words and definitions</i>
34	<i>The History of Gin</i>	Britain's favourite spirit – why has it never lost its fame?	25'	<i>Reading Matching sentences and paragraph titles</i>
35	<i>The Windsors*</i>	Who is who in the Royal Family? Peerage, titles, Royal residences	25' +	<i>Speaking, Reading True or False, Reading for specific information, completing a table</i>
36	<i>Validate U.K.</i>	How to prove your age in the U.K.? Types of popular alcoholic beverages in Britain	15' +	<i>Reading Matching sentences and headings</i>

GR8 BRITANNIA Classroom

Most of the tasks from this Teacher's Resource pack are available online in interactive format including *matching, cloze test, gap filling, various quiz types and crossword* tasks. Interactivity includes automated checking, i.e. all students answers are checked by the application. Students can get hints in some of the activities.

Some of the tasks are available in document or chart format and need further assessment from the teacher.

Moreover, interactive topics include the following:

- audio files for listening tasks
- attached video links
- links to websites for further reading and information-check.

Joining GR8 BRITANNIA Classroom:

- a Gmail e-mail address is a must (**@gmail.com)
- Teachers can request for their own classroom where the activities can be assessed / marked by them and deadlines can be given
- Students are invited by the Teacher into that particular classroom using a Classroom-code or e-mail invitation

TOPICS in the Classroom

Each task is categorized into one of the following topics (*note: further tasks/ topics will be added):

- *Symbols and Icons*
- *Great Britons*
- *Food & Drink*
- *History*
- *Royal Family*
- *Traditions*
- *London*
- *Landmarks*
- *Extra*

BRITISH EVENT CALENDAR *Task's title*

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Can you put the events in the correct order starting with the earliest in the year? What / Who are the symbols of the events?
Complete the attached table, use CTRL C + CTRL V. **Instructions and additional information.**

	BRITISH EVENT CALENDAR https://docs.google.com/forms/...		Bet You Didn't Know Hallowe... YouTube video 1 minute
	Police Station Funny Scene ... YouTube video 5 minutes		Window on Britain Festivals YouTube video 5 minutes
	The Boat Race 2019 YouTube video 2 hours 4 minutes	Interactive tasks	

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Students can leave comments for the class or privately for the teacher.

Class comments

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ONLINE TOPICS IN DETAIL

TOPIC	TASK TITLE	INTERACTIVE TASKS	ASSESSMENT TASKS	AUDIO / VIDEO
Symbols and Icons	Icons and Iconic Landmarks	Icons of Britain – matching	No	Video links
	National symbols	National Symbols in the U.K. – matching	No	No
	Cars in Britain	Parts of the Car – labelling Driving on the Left – gap-filling	No	Video links
	The Green Man	No	The Green Man - Listening	Audio File Video links
	Money in Britain	Banknotes – matching	British currency – reading, matching	Video links
Great Britons	Some Remarkable Britons	Great Britons - Matching	Names and portraits matching	No
Food & Drink	Afternoon Tea – Drinking Etiquette	Crossword	Listening and picture labelling	Video link
	Christmas Pudding Story	Vocabulary matching	Listening and writing	Video links
	Food in Britain	Spices and herbs – matching Cream Tea, Full Fry – gap-filling / labelling Desserts - matching	No	Video links
History	Brief History of Britain	Most Common Eras – matching	Events of Great Importance – matching	Video links
	Roman Britain	Roman place names -matching	No	Audio file Video links
	The British Empire	No	Listening tasks	Audio files, video link
	Kings and Queens	Remarkable kings and queens – matching	No	Video links
	King Edward I in Wales	Reading's vocabulary matching Beaumaris Castle – pictograms for tourists, matching	No	Audio file, video file

Royal Family	The Windsors	Who is Who? – matching	Reading task	Video links
	A Year for The Queen	No	Matching task	No
Traditions	The Highland Games	Highland Games – gap-filling Events – matching	No	Video links
	Creatures from British Folklore	Quiz	No	Video links
	College Slang	Cambridge Slang – matching Eton Slang – matching History of Eton – gap-filling	No	Video links
	British Event Calendar	Quiz	Events and dates matching	Video links
London	William Blake: London	Vocabulary matching	Reading task	Video links
	Transport for London	No	Vocabulary – matching Listening task	Audio file
Landmarks	Shakespeare's Globe	Inside the Globe – matching, labelling	No	Video links
	Loch Lomond	Loch Lomond – gap-filling	The song's vocabulary, matching	Audio file Video Links
	Castles in Medieval Times	Norman Castles – gap-filling Various vocabulary matching tasks	No	Video links
Extra	The Story of Mr. Bean	No	Reading task	Video links
	Can you name it?	Crossword	No	No
	Music Is Their Life	Bands and singers – matching Songs and singers – matching	No	Video links
	The Fox Went Out...	Song vocabulary matching task	No	Video link
	Sport in Britain	Crossword	No	Video links