

Getting to know Wales

Task 1: Read these statements about Wales. Which is the most surprising?

1. Wales is home to the highest mountain in the UK.
2. Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world, was named after a Welsh man.
3. Wales has its own language, money and army.
4. The Welsh flag is a white cross on a blue background.
5. One of the most popular sports in Wales is rugby.
6. The capital city of Wales is Swansea.
7. The Eisteddfod is an annual festival to celebrate Welsh arts and culture – especially music.
8. There are around 10 million sheep in Wales – there are more sheep than people!
9. A traditional Welsh dish, Welsh Rarebit, is made using toast and rabbit.
10. The longest word in the world is Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogoch and it is the name of a place in Wales.

Task 2: You are going to listen to a man called Ieuan from the village of Pontarddulais in South Wales. Read some of the questions he is asked. What do you think he might answer?

1. Can you tell me a little bit about what you like about your area?
2. What mostly happens in that area?
3. What would you say are the major changes in that area?
4. Is your region famous for anything?