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1 Beautiful England

About twenty-five million people visit England every year. They come from countries all over the world. Nearly all of them go to London first, and some never go out of that great city.

London is a wonderful place, but there are many more exciting and interesting places across the country. Many of these places can tell you more about England and the English people.

There are green hills, quiet little villages, long beaches, beautiful old churches, and English gardens. And there are exciting big cities with great food, shops, and music.

You can see a Shakespeare play, or listen to great music twenty-four hours a day with thousands of other people. You can watch a game of cricket or football, take a boat along one of the rivers, or visit an old castle.

Yes, England is a very beautiful country. But who are the English . . . ?



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2 Who are the English?

The name 'England' comes from 'Angle-land'. The Angle and Saxon people came here from Europe in the fifth and sixth centuries, and they called it Angle-land.

Before them, the Romans lived here for about four hundred years. They made houses and roads. And they made a town next to the River Thames, and called it Londinium. Today its name is London.

The Angles and Saxons came across the North Sea from north-west Germany and southern Denmark. Later the Vikings came from Denmark and Norway.



The Romans built Hadrian's Wall

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In 1066, England had a new king. He was William of Normandy, the famous William the Conqueror. When he came to England, many French people came with him.

In the nineteenth century, thousands of Irish people came to England and stayed here, and many Jewish families came from Eastern Europe and Russia.

All through the twentieth century, people came to England and made a new life here. After the Second World War, many came from the West Indies, Africa, and Asia. In the 1980s, people from Vietnam came because they wanted to get away from the war in their country.



William the Conqueror arrives in England

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English people

Today, nearly fifty million people live in England, and thousands more come and live here every year. They come from Eastern Europe, from Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iraq, from Australia, Canada and India, and many other countries. Some are looking for work; some want to be with their families; others are looking for a better life. They bring with them their theatre, food, music, and art.

Yes, you can find people from every part of the world here. So – what is England?

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