

Pearson ELT

St. David's Day Worksheet

1. What do you know about Wales? Do this quiz and find out.

1. *Where is Wales? In...*

- a. England
- b. Scotland
- c. Great Britain

2. *The capital city of Wales is:*

- a. Cardiff
- b. Edinburgh
- c. London

3. *The patron Saint of Wales is:*

- a. St Patrick
- b. St. David
- c. St. George

4. *The national anthem of Wales is:*

- a. God Save the Queen
- b. Land of my Fathers
- c. The Star-Spangled banner

5. *The currency of Wales is:*

- a. the Welsh pound
- b. the Euro
- c. the pound (sterling)

6. *The two official languages are:*

- a. English and French
- b. English and Welsh
- c. English and Scottish

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2. Pair reading.

Student A. Read this text and then tell your partner about it.

Wales is part of Britain and the United Kingdom. It has its own language, education system and parliament. Although Wales is only a small country, about half the size of Switzerland, it has a strong national heritage. Sheep farming is very important to the Welsh economy and sheep can be seen dotted all over the hilly landscape. Welsh lamb is considered to be among the best and the country also produces a good selection of cheeses. This little country along the west coast of Great Britain is also a popular holiday destination, especially with hill walkers and their dogs.

Student B. Read this text and then tell your partner about it.

The symbol of Wales known the world over is The Red Dragon and people proudly wave this flag on St. David's Day. St. David is the patron Saint of Wales. He helped the Welsh people to defeat the Saxons and so every year they celebrate his life and everything he did for Wales 1st March. This is the date that St David died in 589 AD. They go out onto the streets, organise parades and concerts and can be seen wearing daffodils and leeks, the national emblems, on their clothes. If you want to find out more about this country, why not take a trip there. The countryside is breathtaking and to see some examples of Welsh traditional costumes and other artefacts be sure to go the National Museum in Cardiff.

3. Test your memory.

Student A, answer these questions

- What is the symbol of Wales?
- Who is St. David?
- What do Welsh people do on St. David's Day.
- What do people celebrating wear on their clothes?
- Where can you go on a trip to Wales?

Student B, answer these questions.

- Where is Wales?
- Name three things that are different in Wales compared to England?
- How big is Wales?
- What is the Welsh economy based on?
- What does Wales produce?

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Teacher's Notes

1. 1c 2a 3b 4b 5c 6b

2. Divide the class into A/B pairs. Fold the worksheets over so that each student can only see their own text. After they have read the text they must relay all the information to their partner. Warn students to pay attention when their partner is speaking.
3. Based on what the students can remember they must answer the questions about their partners' text.

4. Test your memory.

Student A, answer these questions

- a. What is the symbol of Wales? The Red Dragon
- b. Who is St. David? The patron Saint of Wales
- c. What do Welsh people do on St. David's Day? Take part in parades and listen to concerts
- d. What do people celebrating wear on their clothes? Daffodils and leeks
- e. Where can you go on a trip to Wales? The countryside or the National Museum in Cardiff

Student B, answer these questions.

- a. Where is Wales? In Great Britain and the United Kingdom
- b. Name three things that are different in Wales compared to England? The language, parliament and education system
- c. How big is Wales? About half the size of Switzerland
- d. What is the Welsh economy based on? Sheep farming
- e. What does Wales produce? Lamb and cheese.