Counties
English Counties

Often a county takes its name from the county town or city but this is not always the case. See how well you recognize English counties.

1. Can you name the county highlighted in red?

[ ] Lincolnshire

[ ] Nottinghamshire

[ ] Oxfordshire

[ ] South Yorkshire

- Second largest English county
- Main use of land is agriculture
- Politics is predominantly Conservative
- Inhabitants called "Yellow Bellies"
- Contains Grantham and Skegness
- Margaret Thatcher born in Grantham
- Isaac Newton born at Colsterworth
- Burghley House at Stamford
- Red Arrows based at Scampton

2. Can you name the county highlighted in red?

[ ] Cornwall

[ ] Essex

[ ] Hertfordshire

[ ] Bedfordshire

- County flower is the Pasque Flower
- UK's first roundabout was at Letchworth
- Bridgewater Monument built in 1832
- Rothschilds zoological museum at Tring
- Cathedral at St. Albans
- University at Hatfield
- G Orwell based Animal farm on Wallington
- World's first garden city was Letchworth
- Elstree Film Studios at Borehamwood
- London is supplied fresh water by Ware

3. Can you name the county highlighted in red?

[ ] East Riding of Yorkshire

[ ] Gloucestershire

[ ] East Sussex

[ ] Kent

- Admin HQ is Lewes
- Has no motorways
- Seven Sisters Park may become a national park
- University at Falmer
- Castles at Lewes, Pevensey and Herstmonceux
- Bateman's was the home of Rudyard Kipling
- Physical landmarks of The Downs and The Weald
- Centre of Ashdown Forest is Crowborough
- Royal Pavilion at Brighton
- The Long Man of Wilmington on the South Downs

4. Can you name the county highlighted in red?

[ ] Northamptonshire

[ ] Kent

[ ] Rutland

[ ] Cambridgeshire

- Second oldest university in the country
- Area of high technology – Silicon Fen
- Highest point is 480 ft above sea level
- Main use of land is agriculture
- Has 7 parliamentary constituencies
- Inhabitants called "Crane" or "Camel"
- Cathedral at Ely
- Imperial War Museum at Duxford
- American WW2 Cemetery at Madingley
- Octavia Hill was born in Wisbech

5. Can you name the county highlighted in red?

[ ] Kent

[ ] Surrey

[ ] Cheshire

[ ] Buckinghamshire

- Known as the "Garden of England"
- Has three universities
- Cement-making at Northfleet and Cuxton
- Brick-making at Sittingbourne
- Novelist W Golding taught at Maidstone
- Charles Dickens father worked at Chatham
- Airports at Manston and Lydd
- In 1988 Rochester lost its city status
- Record high temperature of 38.5 degrees C recorded at Brogdale
- J W M Turner spent his childhood at Margate

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- Until 1980 was called Salop
- Has 22 towns
- There are no cities
- Elan aqueduct supplies water to Birmingham
- Billy Wright born in Ironbridge
- Historic industrial site at Broseley
- Fossils can be found at Mortimer Forest
- Telford Steam Railway runs from Horshay
- School founded in 1407 at Oswestry
- Charles Darwin attended Shrewsbury school

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[ ] Warwickshire

[ ] Somerset

- Home to a part of the Cotswolds
- Contains the Forest of Dean
- County flower is the wild daffodil
- July 2007 saw the worst floods in history
- County city has a cathedral
- Corinium Museum at Cirencester
- Famous ladies college at Cheltenham
- Famous Horse trials at Badminton
- Picturesque Bourton-on-the-Water
- P J Crook (artist) born at Cheltenham

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[ ] Shropshire

[ ] Hampshire

- The capital of England was Winchester
- Has four universities
- Third largest shire in the UK
- New Forest National Park
- South Downs National Park
- Motor museum at Beaulieu
- Ports at Southampton and Portsmouth
- Isambard K Brunel born in Portsmouth
- Titanic sailed from Southampton
- A permanent army camp at Aldershot
- Aviation centre at Farnborough

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- Admin. H.Q. is Aylesbury
- Stately homes of Claydon and Hughenden
- Picturesque Chilton Hills
- Chequers is near Aylesbury
- Anne Boleyn owned property in Wendover
- Terry Pratchett born in Beaconsfield
- Roald Dahl lived in Great Missenden
- Rowing events held at Dorney Lake
- Pinewood Studios at Iver Heath
- New town at Milton Keynes

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[ ] Derbyshire

[ ] Norfolk

- Home to the both Gainsborough and Constable (artists)
- Aldenburgh Festival held at Snape Maltings
- County show held annually in May at Ipswich
- Sizewell B nuclear power station at Leiston
- Football club founded in 1878 at Ipswich
- Largest container port in the UK at Felixstowe
- Famous horse races at Newmarket
- B.T. has a research facility at Martlesham Heath
- Adnams brewery is at Southwold
- Anglo-Saxon pagan kings buried at Sutton Hoo

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