

# English-Speaking Countries

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# Lecture 1.

## INTRODUCTION

- Subject
- Contents
- Hours
- Requirements
- Tests
- Communication

## TOPIC I

### The Very Beginning:

- The oldest human inhabitants of Britain
- Roman Britain

# **Importance of the Subject**

- **Why do people need it?**
- **Why do You, as translators, need knowledge about these countries?**

# List of Majority Native English-Speaking Countries

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Australia
- The Bahamas
- Barbados
- Belize
- Canada\*
- Dominica
- Grenada
- Guyana
- Ireland
- Jamaica
- New Zealand

# English-Speaking Countries

**Great Britain & USA**

# **Importance of the Subject**

- **Why do people need it?**
- **Why do You, as translators, need knowledge about these countries?**

# **Importance of the Subject**

**To understand the national character (identity) through its formation by the culture (the whole complex: language, ideas, literature, arts, etc)**

**To understand its creations**

**To better convey their Ideas and meanings**

# Importance of the Subject

Example: **terminology of the British Isles**

Various words and phrases that are used to describe the different (and sometimes overlapping) geographical and political areas of the islands of Great Britain, Ireland, and the smaller islands which surround them.  
Confusing.



# Commonwealth Realms

## United Kingdom Monarchy

### British Isles

#### British Islands

#### United Kingdom State

#### Great Britain

Northern Ireland

Scotland

England

Wales

#### Crown Dependencies

Isle of Man

#### Channel Islands

Jersey

Guernsey

#### British Overseas Territories

Anguilla

British Antarctic Territory

Akrotiri Dhekelia

South Georgia & the South Sandwich Islands

Gibraltar

Montserrat

British Virgin Islands

Pitcairn Islands

Cayman Islands

Turks & Caicos

Saint Helena, Ascension & Tristan da Cunha

Falkland Islands

British Indian Ocean Territory

Bermuda

Saint Kitts & Nevis

Papua New Guinea

Belize

Saint Lucia

Barbados

Saint Vincent & the Grenadines

Antigua & Barbuda

Jamaica

New Zealand

Solomon Islands

Tuvalu

Australia

Canada

Bahamas

Grenada

● Sovereign State

● Country (Non-Sovereign)

● Independent Jurisdiction

● Dependent Territory

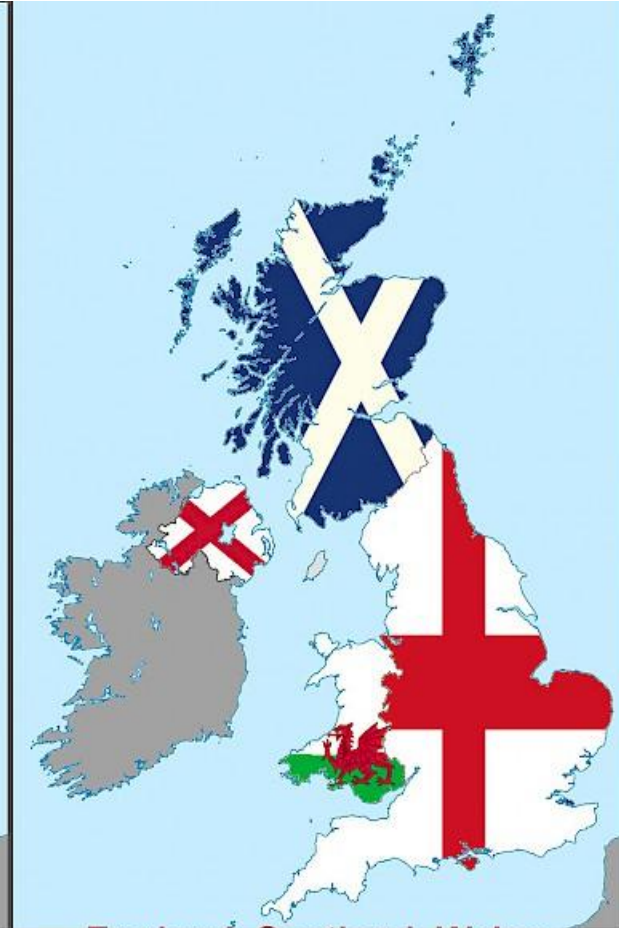
# Terminology of the British Isles



**The British Isles**



**The U.K. and Ireland**



**England, Scotland, Wales,  
& Northern Ireland**

# Union Jack



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# Contents

**What are we going to talk about ?**

- **Geography**
  - Location
  - Climate
  - Natural Resources
  - Where People Live
- **History**
- **Religion**
- **Politics**
- **Philosophy & Arts**
- **Education**

# Contents

**How are we going to talk about these topics?**

# **The Course**

**Trying not to describe all events in the field of history, religion, politics or particulars of location but to single out and accentuate those really important for the formation of the national identity.**







# The Course

- **Hours**
- **Requirements**
- **Tests**
- **Communication**

Now,  
Let's turn to our first topic

***What will it be?***

**Guess!**

# The Very Beginning

- **The mingling of the races** 250,000 B.C. –11th c.
- **The Iberians and the Celts** 250,000-55 B.C.
- **The oldest human inhabitants of Britain**

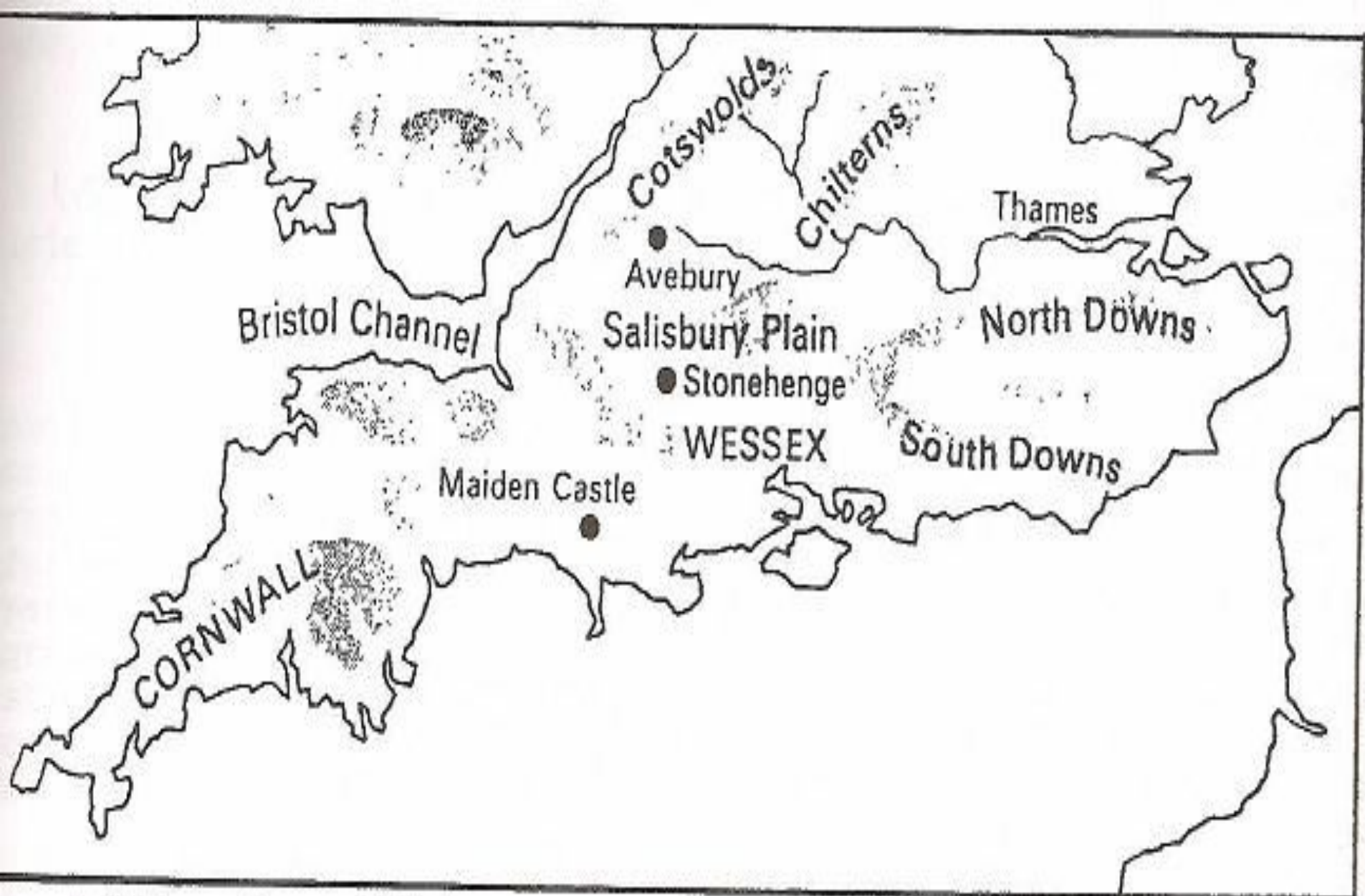
## Home Task Article:

*«First humans arrived in Britain 250,000 years earlier than thought»*

<https://www.theguardian.com/science/2010/jul/07/first-humans-britain-stone-tools>

# Beaker found at Denton, Lincolnshire





- Sites of pre-Celtic monuments on the chalk uplands of south-western England

# HENGES



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# Home Task

Video

*«Henges: Stonehenge, Woodhenge,  
Avebury & Stanton Drew»*

<https://vimeo.com/21436545>



# Peoples of Northern Britain c. 150

Based on Ptolemy's map



CREONES  
CARNONACAE  
CAERENI  
SMERTAE  
LUGI  
CORNAVII

DECANTAE  
VACOMAGI  
CALEDONII  
VACOMAGI

TAE  
EXALLI  
VENICONES

DAMNONII  
OTADINI  
OTADINI

NOVANTAE  
SELGOVAE  
BRIGANTES

Antonine Wall

Hadrian's Wall


Moray Firth

Firth of Tay

Firth of Forth

Solway Firth

**Peoples of Southern Britain c. 150**  
Based on Ptolemy's map





# Hadrian's Wall



# Hadrian's Wall Roman Fort



# Home Task

**Article:**

**Hadrian's Wall**

**<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/hadrians-wall/hadrians-wall-history-and-stories/history/>**