1 UK Quiz
Your dictionary can help you to find the answers. Look at Geographical names on pages 473-476 for questions 1-5. Look up the words in dark type for questions 6-10.

1 ‘UK’ stands for _____________________.
   a United Kingdom    b Union of Kingdoms

2 What nationality is a person who was born in the UK?
   a English    b British

3 He is from Wales. He is _____________________.
   a Wales    b Welsh

4 She is from Scotland. She is _____________________.
   a Scottish    b Scot

5 They are from Northern Ireland. They are _____________________.
   a Northern Irish    b Northern Ireland

6 The Queen of the UK is _____________________.
   a Elizabeth I    b Elizabeth II

7 The Tory Party is another word for which political party?
   a the Labour Party    b the Liberal Democrats    c the Conservative Party

8 Which of the following is NOT part of the Houses of Parliament?
   a the House of Representatives    b the House of Lords    c the House of Commons

9 How old should you be to be able to buy alcoholic drinks in a pub in the UK?
   a 16    b 17    c 18

10 What type of stamp should you put on a letter that you want to arrive quickly?
   a a first-class stamp    b a second-class stamp

2 Special days
A Do you know when these special days happen? Match the day with the month(s), then use your dictionary to see if you were right and to find out more about them.

Bonfire night  October
Easter  November
Christmas  March or April
New Year’s Day  December
Halloween  January

B Where do these words belong? Easter or Christmas? Put each one in the correct column.

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C  Katie is talking about Christmas in the UK. Use some of the words and phrases from exercise 2B to fill the gaps.

I’m so excited! It’s nearly Christmas! I’ve sent Christmas ____________ to all my friends and yesterday I bought ____________ for my family.

On ____________ (December 24th) Dad always puts up the Christmas tree in the sitting room, and my brother and I decorate it with coloured lights and glass balls. When we wake up on ____________, there are presents for everyone. My little brother believes that ____________ brings them during the night. We go to church with our parents and sing ____________, then we go to Granny and Grandpa’s for Christmas ____________. We eat roast ____________, roast potatoes and vegetables, then Christmas ____________, which is like cake made with lots of fruit. We open our presents, play games and have fun.

I really hope it snows. Last year it snowed on ____________, the day after Christmas, and I made a huge snowman.

D  Now write about a special day in your country. When is it? What do you do? What do you eat and drink?

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3  The weather

Use Picture Dictionary page P16 in your dictionary to help you complete this crossword.

When you have finished, look down the column marked with an arrow (↓) to find a sentence that is often true in Britain!

1  the coldest part of the year
2  light cloud near the ground, which is difficult to see through
3  when soft white pieces of frozen water are falling from the sky, it’s …
4  white or grey shapes in the sky that are made of drops of water
5  the hottest part of the year
6  a half circle of colours in the sky when rain and sun come together
7  the part of the year when plants and flowers start to grow
8  the time in the evening when the sun goes down
9  the trees are blowing around a lot because it’s …
10  the part of the year when the leaves change colour and start to fall off the trees
11  thick cloud near the ground that is difficult to see through

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