



**Great
Britain**



Lesson

Subject : British culture and style:
national self-expression.



1. Dress codes

The majority of British people dress conservatively rather than fashionably. They buy their clothes at the high street stores, of which Marks and Spenser must be the most famous.. The British still have a reputation for being the worst dressed people in Europe, and they do not really care.



2. The culture of sport

Britain was the first country to organise sport as a national activity.

It organised a number of games , notably football, rugby football, hockey, lawn tennis, golf and cricket. Nowadays skateboarding is extremaly popular in the parks of most British cities.




*A - Z of British
Cheese*



3. Cheese rolling

This event takes place in different parts of the country, usually on the Spring Bank Holiday Monday. A round cheese is rolled down a hill chased by competitors. The winner is the first person to grab the cheese. It is a spectacular to watch but hazardous to take part in, with many competitors ending up with broken The custom originally ensured the villagers' rights to graze sheep on the hill.





- I saw a black cat...

- *Dave, lucky thing!!!*

Do you believe in superstitions??



4. Superstitions in Britain

Good Luck



- Lucky to meet a **black cat**. Black Cats are featured on many good luck greetings cards and birthday cards in England.
- Lucky to **touch wood**. We touch; knock on wood, to make something come true.
- Lucky to find a **clover plant with four leaves**.

Bad Luck



- Unlucky to walk underneath a **ladder**.
- Seven years bad luck to **break a mirror**. The superstition is supposed to have originated in ancient times, when mirrors were considered to be tools of the gods.
- Unlucky to **see one magpie**, lucky to see two

6.unusual Customs and Traditions

Morris Dancing



Morris Dancing is a traditional English form of folkdancing, performed by groups of men or women. It has been danced for hundreds of years, and passed down through the generations in the villages of rural England. The dances are usually performed at festivals such as May Day, Whitsun and Christmas. The Morris Dancers hold hankies in their hands, or sticks, and have bell-pads tied at their knees, which make a loud and cheerful rhythm as they dance.



*Have a taste of the
British tea!!*

Delicious...



1. Tea time

The custom of drinking tea originated in England when Catherine of Braganza married Charles II in 1661 and brought the practice of drinking tea in the afternoon with her from Portugal. Various places that belonged to the former British Empire also have such a meal. However, changes in social customs and working hours mean that most Britons will rarely take afternoon tea. Traditionally, loose tea is brewed in a teapot and served in teacups with milk and sugar



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