



Unit 3

Edinburgh

Cross-curricular – Geography

1 Choose the correct alternative.

- 1 Great Britain is the official name for England, Scotland and Wales / England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- 2 Cardiff / Bangor is the capital city of Wales.
- 3 Dublin / Belfast is the capital city of Northern Ireland.
- 4 Glasgow / Edinburgh is the capital city of Scotland.

Edinburgh, a city to remember

There are enough activities to do in Edinburgh to keep you busy for your entire holiday. And it is also a great place to start exploring the rest of Scotland.

A _____

Edinburgh is a miniature capital compared to other European capitals. With a population of only 500,000, it's not even the largest city in Scotland. Edinburgh's unique features include two extinct volcanoes. One of them is right in the city centre and has a castle on top of it. How many other capitals can say they have that?

B _____

Edinburgh can be quite busy in the summer season when tourists flock there for the Edinburgh Festival. The same is true of the winter holidays as Edinburgh is famous for throwing one of the most memorable New Year's Eve street parties in the world – the Edinburgh Hogmanay.

C _____

Tourist guides advise visitors that walking in Edinburgh is suitable for people 'of average fitness'. It is built on hills, so if visitors are not fit when they arrive, they certainly will be when they leave! The highest point

of Edinburgh's city walks is Arthur's Seat, which rises up 251 metres behind Holyrood Palace and is a perfect place for a spectacular view of the city.

D _____

People who enjoy being scared should go on one of Edinburgh's terrifying ghost walks. The Old Town has an underground network of hidden houses, passages and cellars built on top of each other. Just over 20 years ago, some enterprising historians and actors began taking groups of visitors through these spooky places. They tell them all about the ghosts that are still sometimes seen in their old haunts.



► WORD BOOSTER

Match the words and definitions.

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| 1 enterprising | a strange and frightening |
| 2 extinct volcanoes | b spirit of a dead person that someone believes they can see or hear |
| 3 flock | c extremely beautiful or impressive |
| 4 ghost | d something that you remember well |
| 5 memorable | e special characteristics that are not the same anywhere else |
| 6 spectacular | f go together in a large group |
| 7 spooky | g mountains that no longer force hot rocks through a hole at the top |
| 8 unique features | h ready to try new ideas or methods |

2 Read the text and choose the best headings for sections A–D. There are two that you don't need to use.

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| 1 Ghost walks | 4 How is Edinburgh different? |
| 2 How to get there | 5 Activities for children |
| 3 When to go | 6 Explore on foot |

3 Complete the sentences with information from the text.

- 1 There are lots of activities to do when you have a holiday in Edinburgh.
- 2 Edinburgh is _____ than most other European capitals.
- 3 The Edinburgh Hogmanay is a famous _____.
- 4 The best view of the city is from a place called _____.
- 5 The ghost walks are for people who enjoy _____.

4 Answer the questions.

- 1 Have you ever been to Scotland or another country in the United Kingdom?
- 2 If so, where did you go and what was it like? If not, where would you most like to go in the UK?