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## POWIATOWY KONKURS



## WIEDZY O KRAJACH ANGLOJEZYCZNYCH

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**I. Write the capitals and nationalities to given countries (16 points).**

Country	Nationality	Capital City
England	English	London
Wales	Welsh	Cardiff
Scotland	Scottish	Edinburgh
The Republic of Ireland	Irish	Dublin
The USA	American	Washington DC
Australia	Australian	Canberra
New Zealand	New Zealander	Wellington
Canada	Canadian	Ottawa

**II. Mark the sentences as true or false (9 points).**

1. There are six time zones in the United States from east to west. \_T\_
2. England sends its criminals to Australia instead of sending them to prison. \_F\_
3. Glasgow is the second largest city of Scotland. \_T\_
4. The United States is a republic of 55 states. \_F\_
5. Aborigines are the indigenous people of Australia. \_T\_
6. British explorers discovered Australia and New Zealand. \_T\_
7. Cross country skiing and ice hockey are popular in New Zealand. \_F\_
8. Ulster is another name for Northern Ireland. \_T\_
9. Ayer Rock is in Australia. \_T\_

**III. Choose the correct answer or answers (15 points).**

1. People drive on the left in the following countries:

- a. The United Kingdom c. The United States  
b. Canada d. Australia

2. 75% of the population of the UK live in:

- a. Scotland c. Ireland  
b. Wales d. England

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3. Top tourist attractions in London are:

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| a. Tower Bridge          | c. Big Ben               |
| b. The Millennium Bridge | d. The Statue of Liberty |

4. Name sporting traditions that often unite English-speaking countries.

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|-----------------|-----------|
| a. cricket      | c. rugby  |
| b. grass hockey | d. boxing |

5. The Commonwealth Games take place every:

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|-------------|------------|
| a. 4 years. | c. 5 years |
| b. 3 years  | d. 2 years |

6. The flag of the United Kingdom is called:

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| a. St. Georges's Cross | c. The Royal Standard |
| b. The Union Jack      | d. St. Andrew's Cross |

7. Who was Winston Churchill?

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| a. sailor  | c. politician |
| b. general | d. singer     |

8. What is Stonehenge?

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|----------------------------|------------------------|
| a. an ancient druid temple | c. airport in Scotland |
| b. football stadium        | d. famous park         |

9. The people in London speak over .... different languages apart from English.

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| a. 5  | c. 10  |
| b. 30 | d. 300 |

10. .... is the highest mountain in the USA:

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|------------------|--------------------|
| a. Mount Everest | c. Mount Mc Kinley |
| b. Mount Men     | d. Mount Kosciusko |

11. On the flag of the USA there are .... and 50 stars.

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|---------------|---------------|
| a. 13 stripes | c. 15 stripes |
| b. 10 stripes | d. 12 stripes |

12. .... is one of the most famous American universities in the world.

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| a. Oxford  | c. Cambridge |
| b. Harvard | d. Boston    |

13. .... is the highest mountain in Australia:

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| a. Mount Mc Kinley | c. Mount Kosciusko |
| b. Mount Everest   | d. Mount Men       |

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14. Sydney is one of the main cities of:

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|------------|-----------------------|
| a. the USA | c. The United Kingdom |
| b. Canada  | d. <b>Australia</b>   |

15. The national flower of Wales is:

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|--------------------|-------------|
| a. <b>daffodil</b> | c. rose     |
| b. thistle         | d. shamrock |

**IV. Match the names with the information (12 points).**

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| 1. The Commonwealth Of Nations <b>_b_</b> | 7. May Day <b>_f_</b>                   |
| 2. The haka <b>_d_</b>                    | 8. The Notting Hill Carnival <b>_l_</b> |
| 3. The Gold Rush <b>_e_</b>               | 9. Independence Day <b>_g_</b>          |
| 4. Hurling <b>_a_</b>                     | 10. April Fool's Day <b>_j_</b>         |
| 5. Silicon Valley <b>_c_</b>              | 11. Hogmanay <b>_i_</b>                 |
| 6. Shrove Thursday <b>_h_</b>             | 12. Guy Fawkes' Day <b>_k_</b>          |

- a. an Irish team game you play with a stick and ball
- b. an organization which includes most of the former British colonies
- c. an area in Northern California where the most famous and innovative hi-tech companies are
- d. a traditional Maori dance often performed by New Zealand rugby team before international matches
- e. a period between 1849 and 1856 when thousands of people went to California to look for gold
- f. dancing round the Maypole
- g. reading the declaration of Independence, parades, fireworks and concerts
- h. eating pancakes
- i. visiting friends with a piece of coal or salt, singing Auld Lang Syne
- j. playing tricks on each other, in April
- k. gunpowder plot 1605, bonfires, fireworks
- l. taking part in a big procession with fantastic costumes, Calypso music and steel bands

**V. Complete the sentences (7 points).**

1. An original inhabitant of New Zealand is a M **A O R I**.
2. A big, modern panoramic wheel on the banks of the River Thames is called L **O N D O N**  
E **Y E**.

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3. The coldest and the largest state in the United States is **A L A S K A**.
4. Los Angeles is famous all over the world for the film industry in **H O L L Y W O O D**
5. There are two main political parties in the USA: the **R E P U B L I C A N S** and the Democrats.
6. The Declaration of **I N D E P E N D E N C E** was signed on July 4, 1776.
7. A natural wonder situated off the east coast of Australia is The Great **B A R R I E R** Reef.

**VI. Read the short descriptions and give the names of the countries (4 points).**

1. **W A L E S** ?

This country is part of the UK, it's in the western part of the island. The flag of this country is a red dragon on a white and green field. It has its own language and in this language this country is called 'Cymru'. Its highest mountain is Snowdon (1085 metres).

2. **S C O T L A N D** ?

This country is mountainous. It is in the north of the UK. It has 790 islands. It is famous for its fresh water lakes called lochs, clans and kilts worn by men. Its capital city, like Rome, was built on seven hills.

3. **N E W Z E A L A N D** ?

This country has a population of around 3.5 million, of whom 13 per cent are Maori, the native people. This country is made up of the two islands: the North Island and the South Island. It is a constitutional monarchy with the Queen of England as the head of state.

4. **I R E L A N D** ?

This country is an independent republic. It is situated on an island in the Atlantic Ocean but it doesn't cover the whole island – its northern part belongs to the UK. It is called the green island because it rains a lot there and the landscape is very green. It is famous for its traditional folk music and dance. Its national symbol is the shamrock.

**VII. Answer the questions (5 points)**

1. What's the currency of Canada? .....**Canadian dollar**.....
2. Who was the founder of a global brand: Microsoft? .....**Bill Gates**.....
3. Who was the creator of the most famous cartoon character ever? .....**Walt Disney**.....

