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Introduction

Together with Lena from Switzerland and her cousin Ben from Brighton, students discover the United Kingdom, the cultures of different regions and of course the English language.

All the tasks have a connection to Lena and Ben's trip around the UK. They attend a football game in Manchester, try to find their way through Brighton, learn about Scottish traditions, Welsh castles, Northern Irish expressions and way more.

The final step is a board game (No. 15 "Race across the United Kingdom") which can be played in groups of 2 to 5 students. A dice and a token for each student are needed.

The game repeats content and grammar topics of all tasks and exercises. Question cards can easily be substituted by the students. This makes sense if not all the tasks and exercises were done before playing the game.

Methodology and didactics

The different tasks can be done alone or as partner or group work.

The topics can be done in any order, so station work is possible as well.





Solutions for every exercise are provided in a separate document.

The worksheets can be used as an introduction to a new topic, as a training of vocabulary or grammar topics or, of course, just for fun.

The target group of most of the exercises are students in 5th or 6th grade but also students on secondary level can profit from them.

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Summary of the contents

No.	Title	Content
01	Lena and Ben	Introducing yourself. Giving basic information about yourself and others. 3 rd person “-s” can be introduced and practiced.
02	Lena goes to the UK	Asking questions and giving answers. Questions words can be introduced and practiced.
03	At the airport	Telling and reading the time. Writing down numbers and times can be introduced and practiced.
04	Arriving in London	Reading comprehension about attractions in London. Finding hidden words.
05	At the restaurant	Food vocabulary Matching pictures and names Talking about likes and dislikes
06	Finding the way	Giving and understanding directions. Working with a map of a city (Brighton) Describing your own way back home.
07	My hobbies	Writing and reading about hobbies. Finding out what other children like to do. Giving reasons why somebody likes a hobby.
08	Planning the road trip	Use of “at, on, in” Training and explanation of rules for prepositions of location.
09	Where is Lena?	Matching questions and answers.
10	Derby time in Manchester	Bringing events of a football game in the correct order (reading and understanding). Describing the people at the game.
11	Wales – the castle capital	Drawing the Welsh flag with information given. Writing a story about a castle (with word list).
12	Visiting Loch Ness	Reading a text about Nessie and answering questions about it. Drawing the monster.
13	Scottish traditions	Matching pictures, texts and titles about Scottish traditions. Reading and understand.
14	Welcome to Northern Ireland	Northern Irish expressions (slang) Giant’s causeway, reading and gap filling
15	Race across the UK (Game)	Board game with tasks and questions about the United Kingdom. Vocabulary and content work.






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Example:

English	
<h3>Exploring the United Kingdom</h3> <p>Worksheet</p> 	
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<p>And what about them?</p>	
 <p>Can you complete the sentences about the girls and boys below?</p>	
	<p><i>Namaste!</i></p> <p>I Viraj.</p> <p>I in New Delhi, India.</p> <p>I 11 old.</p> <p>My uncle in Stuttgart, Germany.</p>
	<p><i>Namaskāra!</i></p> <p>..... am Paawni.</p> <p>I live Kathmandu, Nepal.</p> <p>I 10 years</p> <p>My cousin in Beijing, China.</p>
	<p><i>¡Hola!</i></p> <p>..... Mercedes.</p> <p>I Caracas, Venezuela.</p> <p>I 12 old.</p> <p>My older sister in Buenos Aires, Argentina.</p>

1: Lena and Ben / Introducing yourself.