

# True False Life in Britain

- 1 The British policeman “on the beat” doesn’t carry a gun.
- 2 Football is the most popular participatory sport.
- 3 The British love queuing. Jumping the queue is almost a crime!
- 4 Most British people are very Royalist and want to keep the Royal Family.
- 5 They are not very keen on having animals in the house. Only 40% of people have a pet.
- 6 The most popular drink is tea (especially “builder’s tea”): they drink about 95m cups a day.
- 7 British people often make Christmas pudding one year or more before they eat it.
- 8 The second most spoken language in the UK is now Punjabi, spoken by Indian immigrants.
- 9 More people go to car boot sales and garden centres than church on a Sunday.
- 10 At Christmas we eat mince pies which contain mincemeat but there is no meat in them.
- 11 The British are an island nation and no one lives more than 75 miles from the sea.
- 12 Wales, Scotland and Ireland have their own languages which are older than English.
- 13 In Britain, strangers sometimes call you “dear”, “love”, “duck”, or even “hen”.
- 14 The British decided to drive on the left just because they like to be different and refuse to change.
- 15 Most people have two separate taps in the bath and wash basin: hot and cold.
- 16 The Queen had the first British passport and it is compulsory to always have some form of ID.
- 17 Fish and chips is the most popular takeaway food in the country.
- 18 Chicken Tikka Masala originated in India.
- 19 There are about 50,000 CCTV cameras in London.
- 20 The British always say “sorry”, even when the other person is at fault or when they are complaining.



## True False Life in Britain – Answers

- 1 The British policeman “on the beat” doesn’t carry a gun. **True**
- 2 Football is the most popular participatory sport. **False. Football is the most popular spectator sport. Fishing, running, cycling and swimming.**
- 3 The British love queuing. Jumping the queue is almost a crime! **True**
- 4 Most British people are very Royalist and want to keep the Royal Family. **True but not necessarily. A bit iffy.**
- 5 They are not very keen on having animals in the house. Only 40% of people have a pet. **False. 40% do not have a pet.**
- 6 The most popular drink is tea (especially “builder’s tea”): they drink about 95m cups a day. **True. But coffee is coming up. Builder’s tea is tea with lots of milk and sugar.**
- 7 British people often make Christmas pudding one year or more before they eat it. **True. Christmas pudding improves with age.**
- 8 The second most spoken language in the UK is now Punjabi, spoken by Indian immigrants. **False. Polish is the 2<sup>nd</sup> most spoken language, Punjabi 3<sup>rd</sup>.**
- 9 More people go to car boot sales and garden centres than church on a Sunday. **True.**
- 10 At Christmas we eat mince pies which contain mincemeat but there is no meat in them. **True. Mincemeat is a mixture of dried fruits used to make sweet dishes.**
- 11 The British are an island nation and no one lives more than 75 miles from the sea. **True**
- 12 Wales, Scotland and Ireland have their own languages which are older than English. **True**
- 13 In Britain, strangers sometimes call you “dear”, “love”, “duck”, or even “hen”. **True. They say these when they want to be friendly.**
- 14 The British decided to drive on the left just because they like to be different and refuse to change. **False**
- 15 Most people have two separate taps in the bath and wash basin: hot and cold. **True**
- 16 The Queen had the first British passport and it is compulsory to always have some form of ID. **False. She does not have a passport. No ID card in Britain.**
- 17 Fish and chips is the most popular takeaway food in the country. **False. Chicken curry is. Fish and chips used to be.**
- 18 Chicken Tikka Masala originated in India. **False. It originated in Britain. It was an idea of a chef of Indian origin and has now been introduced into India too.**
- 19 There are about 50,000 CCTV cameras in London. **False. More than 500,000.**
- 20 The British always say “sorry”, even when the other person is at fault or when they are complaining. **True**

