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The British family

S COTLAND (蘇格蘭) has been part of the United Kingdom (英國, the UK) since 1707. Last month, the Scottish (蘇格蘭的) people were asked to vote 'Yes' or 'No' on Scotland becoming an independent country again and the majority chose 'No'. They took part in a vote called a referendum. But did you know four countries make up the UK?



Editor's Note

I have been to Scotland once and loved it. It has so many castles I thought I was in some real-life fairytale. I was too scared to eat haggis though (haggis is sheep stomach stuffed with its heart, liver and lungs!). Turn to G02 to read more about why Scotland is still a part of the UK. I find it annoying when I run out of batteries. But fear not because a lemon can create electricity! Don't believe me? Turn to G10 to find out more.



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Cover Feature

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Names

The United Kingdom

This is a country made up of countries. Confused? Do

not be. The countries are England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

From 1801 to 1922, the UK included all of Ireland but then the country **split** and only Northern Ireland remained in the UK.



Great Britain

In term of geography, this **represents** England (英格蘭), Scotland and Wales (威爾斯). The full title of the UK is The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. People from Britain are called British. Many people wrongly believe saying 'English' is the same as 'British'. Never call a Scottish (蘇格蘭人) person English!



What is a referendum?

Hongkongers are fighting for **universal suffrage**. That is when everyone is allowed to vote in an **election** to choose a government. But for an important subject, such as deciding on **independence** of a country, a referendum will be held to let the people decide, not the government. People will vote 'yes' or 'no' in answer to a question. This does not happen often which is why we vote for a government to make decisions for us.



How the Union Flag was made



The Union Flag

Last year, this flag was a hot fashion item all over the world and seen on clothing. Also called the Union Jack, it is made up of flags to represent the countries of the UK:

The cross of St George

– St George is the **patron saint** of England, but he is not English! He was a Roman (羅馬的) soldier. This cross is also used in other flags.



The cross saltire of St Andrew

– this is the Scottish flag. St Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland.



The cross saltire of St Patrick

– this cross represents Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. It is sometimes used to represent Northern Ireland, but not officially.



Vocabulary

split (v) 分開
represent (v) 代表

patron saint (n phr) 最初領導人
universal suffrage (n phr) 普選

election (n) 選舉
independence (n) 獨立



Challenge

