



Exercises on card 27.

Read the text and answer the questions on card 27. You can also listen to exercise 26 on cd 2.



VISIT GREAT BRITAIN

The island of Great Britain consists of England, Scotland and Wales. It is the largest European island. Its official name is "United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland".

The northern part of Ireland (Northern Ireland) therefore also belongs to Great Britain. The southern part of Ireland is a separate country called "The Republic of Ireland".

There is no bridge between England and the continent of Europe. If you want to travel to Great Britain from the continent of Europe, you have to go by boat, train or plane.

You can go to Great Britain from The Netherlands, from Belgium or from France by boat.

If you want to go to Scotland from the continent, the easiest way is to take a boat from IJmuiden, in the Netherlands to Newcastle, a town in the north of England.

To get to Ireland by boat from the continent, you can leave from Rotterdam in the Netherlands or from Zeebrugge in Belgium, to Hull in England. From here, you travel across England to Holyhead in Wales. Then, you take a boat across the Irish Sea to Ireland.

To get to London, you can take a boat from Hoek van Holland in the Netherlands or from Zeebrugge in Belgium to Harwich, in the south of England. Alternatively, you can take a boat from Calais in France to Dover, in the south of England.

The travel time by boat depends on the route. The journey time from Hoek van Holland to Harwich is about six and a half hours. From IJmuiden to Newcastle, it takes fifteen and a half hours, and from Rotterdam to Hull, it is eleven and a half hours.

It is also possible to fly to London or other big towns in Great Britain.

Direct planes to London leave from nearly every European airport.

From France, there is still another way to travel to England. You can take the train through a tunnel called the Eurotunnel. This train journey takes 35 minutes from Calais, in France to Folkestone, in England! You can take your car on the train, but there is no road tunnel.

So, Great-Britain is an island but there are many ways to get there.