

St George's Day

Level: 3er Ciclo Primaria

Contents: Legends: facts and fiction. Origins of the British flag. Use of *can*.

This unit is based on the festivity of Saint George's Day, England's national day, to introduce Saint George, the differences between the fictional and the real character, the famous legend, and the origins of the British flag. The contents of the unit are mainly cultural.

You can move into any part of the unit easily by using the menu, which is accessible from any activity.

Please always remind your students to read the *Task* button before they start any activity. It is important that you do this, taking into account that they tend not to read the instructions before approaching the exercises. There is also a *Glossary* which they can use when they need vocabulary help.

These are the activities in the unit:

0. Introductory screen: From this screen you can access the menu, the credits screen and this document.

1. Vocabulary: Here students are shown some words which will appear along the unit. Apart from the pictures and the written words, they can click on them to listen to their pronunciation.

2. Text 1: The main text introduces the character of Saint George.

3. Reading comprehension: This is a simple comprehension activity: students must decide if the sentences are true or false according to the text they have just read. When they click on an answer they will get immediate feedback from Saint George himself.

4. Flags 1: Here the students must click on the three nationalities that are represented in the British flag (England, Scotland and Ireland) listen to the descriptions, and join them with the pictures of the flags.

5. Flags 2: Now the students must click on the audio icons and follow the instructions to make the British flag, the Union Jack.

6. The legend: This screen shows the story of Saint George and the dragon. Students must read and listen to it.

7. Find the mistakes: Here there is an altered version of the story, some things have changed. Students must remember the original story and click on the parts of the text which are different. If they make three mistakes they are given extra help: an audio icon will appear to let them listen to the original story again.

8. The dragon: In this activity students listen to the dragon, and they must click on the things the dragon can do.

9. Memory Game: The last activity is a memory game, where students must find the pairs.

10. Ending.

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3. Reading comprehension: 1. False 2. False 3. True 4. False

4. Flags 1: England - The flag of St. George
Ireland - The flag of St. Patrick
Scotland - The flag of St. Andrew

7. Find the mistakes:

A faraway country was ~~visited~~ (*attacked*) by a ~~very nice~~ (*terrible*) dragon. The people of that country offered him ~~an old~~ (*a young*) princess as a present to stop him.

When St. George knew about this, he ~~drove~~ (*rode*) to that country on his fast ~~ear~~ (*horse*).

St. George had a ~~game of cards~~ (*big fight*) with the dragon, and he finally ~~won the game~~ (*killed him*).

At last the princess was ~~bored~~ (*safe*), and St. George took her to her parents.

8. The dragon:

He can crawl with his claws / He can fly / He can breathe fire

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2. Text1:

St George's Day is celebrated on April, 23rd. It is England's national day. St. George's emblem is a red cross on white. It is the flag of England and part of the British flag. The real St George was a Roman soldier who was killed because he defended the Christians. But St. George is always represented as a knight, sitting on a horse and killing a dragon.

4. Flags 1:

The English flag is a red cross on white.

The Irish flag is a diagonal red cross on white.

The Scottish flag is white and blue.

5. Flags 2:

1. First move the Scottish flag to the centre. It is white and blue.

2. Now add the Irish flag. It is a diagonal red cross on white.

3. Finally add the English flag, St. George cross.

4. And now you have the British flag. It is called the "Union Jack".

6. The legend:

People know St. George for the legend of the dragon. But this, of course, was not real. This is the story:

- A faraway country was attacked by a terrible dragon. The people of that country offered him a young princess as a present to stop him.

- When St. George knew about this, he rode to that country on his fast horse.

- St. George had a big fight with the dragon, and he finally killed him.

- At last the princess was safe, and St. George took her to her parents.

8. The dragon:

Hello! I am a dragon. I can breathe fire. I've got two wings and four legs. I can crawl with my claws. I can fly with my two wings.