

Cities, towns and villages

1 Leggi che cosa dicono Jessie e Ryan e indica:

- 1 two differences
- 2 one thing they have in common



Hi, my name's Jessie and I live in Stratford-upon-Avon. It's a small quiet market town in England but a lot of tourists visit it because it's the birthplace of William Shakespeare. I like living here – there's always something to do. On Saturdays, I usually look around the market with my friends. There's very little traffic so it's a really relaxing and healthy place to live.



My name's Ryan and I live in Birmingham. It is often considered to be the second most important city of the United Kingdom. It's a very lively city and there's always something happening!

Sometimes the traffic and pollution can be a problem. We've got two football teams: Aston Villa and Birmingham City. They're two of the oldest teams in the UK!

2 ES Leggi il testo e rispondi alle domande.

The United Kingdom has a population of about 60 million people. Most people live in the big urban and suburban areas between London and Manchester. In fact, approximately 80% of people in England live in an urban environment and less than 7% live in rural villages. The Republic of Ireland has a population of about 4 million. Around 60% of the population live in urban areas.

In the UK, a city is a large and important settlement with a charter (a legal document) from the monarch. When a town receives a 'Royal Charter', it becomes a city. Most cities in the UK have a cathedral. There are currently 66 official cities in the UK: 50 in England, 5 in Wales, 6 in Scotland and 5 in Northern Ireland.

A town is traditionally a settlement with a 'town charter' from the monarch.

A town is larger than a village but smaller than a city. There is usually a marketplace.

A village is a place where there are at least 20 buildings. There must be at least one public building such as a church, a school or a post office. There are over 10,000 villages in Britain.



How many people live in the UK?

About 60 million people.

- 1 Where do most people live in the UK?
- 2 How many people live in the Republic of Ireland?
- 3 How many official cities are there in Wales?
- 4 What does a town usually have?
- 5 What buildings can you see in a village?

COMPARING CULTURES

3 ES Prepara una presentazione sui centri cittadini del tuo paese rispondendo alle domande.

- What's the population of your country?
- What are the most important cities?
- Do you live in a city, a town or a village?
- What differences are there between life in the countryside and life in the city?
- Where would you prefer to live? Why?