

Regional identities – Wales

1 Facts and figures

Read the facts and figures on Wales on the website below and fill in the gaps.



<http://www.infoplease.com/>

Wales lies **1** of England and is generally **2**. Until 1999, Wales was ruled by the UK government. In the referendum of 1997, people voted to establish a **3**. The prehistoric peoples of Wales left behind megaliths and other **4**. They were followed by settlements of **5** and later Romans in the region. Angles, Saxons and Jutes invaded the British island, but they left Wales untouched. William the Conqueror's Norman armies occupied Wales in **6** and occupied portions of it. In the 20th century, the economy of Wales was based primarily on **7**. In recent years, a strong attachment to national consciousness developed boosting Welsh language and culture. This has led to a stronger national **8** among the Welsh.

2 Music

Wales has a strong link with music. Browse through the BBC's website below and write down the names of three Welsh bands. Add more information.



<http://www.bbc.co.uk/>

Band	Additional information

3 Natural resources

Read the information on the website below. Which is the most valuable natural resource of Wales?



[Wales: Natural resources](#)

4 Diana, Princess of Wales

a) *In 1981, Princess Diana (1961–1997) received standing ovations after giving her first public speech, part of it in Welsh, at Cardiff City Hall. Watch the video and take notes on Diana's first official tour of Wales.*



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G2sjrbK3J3k>

b) *Research Diana's biography and relate the terms below to her life.*

1. Lady Diana Spencer
2. Montreux, Switzerland
3. St. Paul's Cathedral
4. paparazzi
5. divorce
6. charities

Key

1 Facts and figures

1. west
2. hilly
3. national assembly
4. impressive monuments
5. Celts
6. 1093
7. coal production
8. identity

3 Natural resources

The most important natural resource in Wales is coal.

4 Diana, Princess of Wales

1. Diana became **Lady Diana Spencer** when her father succeeded to the earldom in 1975.
2. Diana attended the finishing school¹ of Chateau d'Oex at **Montreux, Switzerland**.
3. Prince Charles and Diana married in **St. Paul's Cathedral** in 1981.
4. Diana suffered from being constantly pursued by the tabloid press and the **paparazzi**.
5. Charles and Diana's **divorce** became final in 1996.
6. Diana was patron of over 100 **charities** and devoted herself to serving others, especially those without a voice.

¹ A finishing school is a school for young women that teaches social graces and upper-class cultural rites as a preparation for entry into society.