

Scotland

Everything you need to know!

PLACES

The capital of Scotland is Edinburgh. It's a historic city with a castle. There's a popular cultural festival in Edinburgh every summer. Thousands of people travel to Loch Ness every year. It's a big lake and people believe that a monster lives in the loch (Scottish word for 'lake').

CLOTHES

Scots often wear kilts. A kilt is a woollen skirt with a checked pattern called 'tartan'. Men and women wear kilts. Each clan (Scottish word for 'a family or tribe') has its own special tartan. Men wear a leather money bag called 'a sporran' with the kilt.

MUSIC

The bagpipes are the traditional musical instrument of Scotland.

FOOD

On special occasions Scottish people eat haggis. It's lamb, heart, liver and animal fat boiled inside a sheep's stomach.



Find out more about Burns Night/Scotland on the Internet on:

www.rabbie-burns.com/
burnssupper/
www.scotsmart.com/info/



SPORT

Scots enjoy the Highland Games. They are competitions for Scottish dancing and Scottish sports such as 'tossing the caber'. A caber is a 5-metre long thick piece of wood. It's very heavy and it's difficult to throw it a long way. Throwing the hammer is another Highland Games sport.

FAMOUS SCOTS

Robert Burns was a famous Scottish poet born on 25th January 1759. His most famous poem is called 'Auld Lang Syne'. People sing the words of 'Auld Lang Syne' at midnight on New Year's Eve. On Burns' birthday every year people have parties, eat haggis, drink whisky, dance to bagpipe music and read his poems.

TRADITIONS

'Hogmanay' is the name for the Scottish celebration of New Year's Eve. People go 'first footing' - they visit a neighbour's house after midnight and give the neighbour a piece of coal, some bread, some salt, and a coin for good luck.



WORD CHECK

What is it in your language? Find out!

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Are You a Scottish Expert?

Fill the gaps with the missing words.

- 1 Edinburgh is the capital of Scotland, so it is a very important city.
- 2 _____ of people believe in the Loch Ness monster.
- 3 _____ people travel to Scotland every year.
- 4 There's always _____ food for everyone at a Burns Supper.
- 5 Many people don't like bagpipes. They say they make _____ much noise.

enough ~~very~~ many too a lot

- a Burns night is when _____ in Scotland celebrates the life of Robert Burns.
- b Whisky was Robert Burns' favourite drink, but _____ under 18 can drink it.
- c On Burns Night _____ carries the haggis into the room while bagpipe music is playing.
- d There is liver, heart and animal fat in a haggis - yuk! How can _____ eat it?!

someone anyone everyone no one

Famous Scottish People and Things

You use *who* for people and *that* for things. Decide which of these sentences is correct and which is incorrect. Write the letters in the box at the bottom to find the name of a very famous film about Scotland.

- a Ewan McGregor is a famous actor **who** is in the *Star Wars* films. He is proud to be Scottish.
- b Sean Connery is an actor **which** was the first James Bond. He likes to wear a kilt.
- c The Loch Ness monster is a thing **who** lives in the big lake in Scotland.
- d Sharleen Spiteri is the singer in the band *Texas* **who** comes from Glasgow in Scotland.
- e 'Clan' is a Scottish word **which** means a tribe or group of families.
- f A haggis is a boiled sheep's stomach full of lamb, liver and heart **who** is very delicious.
- g Robert Burns is the man **which** wrote Auld Lang Syne
- h Bagpipes are musical instruments **who** are difficult to play.
- i A person **who** brings coal to your house on New Year's Eve brings good luck.
- j Kilts are skirts **who** men wear.

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The film is called _ _ _ _ _