

Mark Zuckerberg, the American computer programmer, was one of the founders of *Facebook*. In his teens he began to write software programs as a hobby. After school he went to Harvard. While he was there he created a website called *Facemash*. It was shut down by the university, but it inspired him to create *Facebook*.

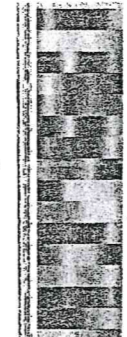
He left Harvard and moved to California with Dustin Moskovitz, and together they made *Facebook* an international success.

In 2012 Zuckerberg married Priscilla Chan.



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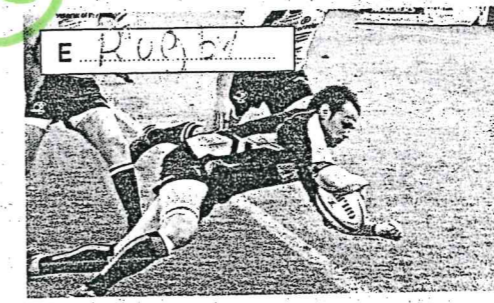


SPORTS
The British really enjoy watching **football**. The best-known football teams are Manchester United, Liverpool (*the Reds*) and two of the London teams: Chelsea (*the Blues*) and Arsenal (*the Gunners*). The most important match in the football season is the English FA (Football Association) Cup Final at Wembley Stadium in London. The UK does not compete as a nation in any major football competition. Instead, England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland can compete individually.

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SPORTS IN THE UK

Rugby (or *rugbi* in Welsh) is the national sport in Wales. One of the best-known teams is called the Gwent Dragons. This name comes from the red dragon on the Welsh flag. The national team play at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff, the capital of Wales. Rugby has got some similarities to American football. The players can carry the ball in their hands, run with it and tackle each other. Every year, England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, France and Italy come together and compete in the Six Nations Championship.



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SPORTS
Cricket is England's national summer sport. It is popular in villages, towns and cities. There are two teams of eleven players and a formal game can last from one afternoon to five days. The players wear long white trousers and a white shirt and jumper.

THE HISTORY OF THE LONDON POLICE

Today there are policemen everywhere, but in 1700 London had no policemen at all. A few old men used to protect the city streets at night and they were not paid very much.



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British and American newspapers

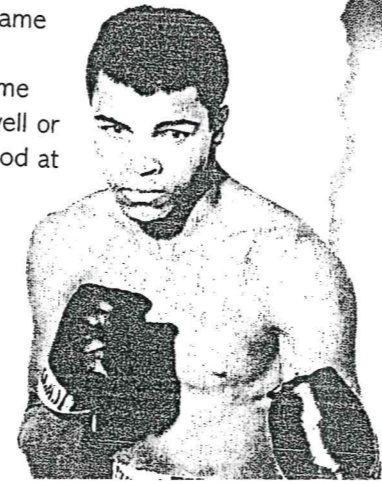
British newspapers can be divided into two categories: the 'quality papers', such as *The Times*, *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Guardian* and *The Independent*, and 'tabloid' or 'popular papers', such as *The Daily Mail*, *The Daily Mirror*, *The Sun*, *The Daily Express* and *The Daily Star*. The quality newspapers usually deal with the most important national and world news items. They also cover sports and cultural events, financial and travel news, book and film reviews.



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MUHAMMAD ALI was 'The Greatest'. He was the only boxer to become heavyweight champion of the world three times. He was born in 1942 and was called Cassius Clay. He started boxing in 1954. Somebody stole his new bicycle and he wanted to hit the boy who stole it, so he went to a gym to learn how to fight. Ali trained six days a week. He could already swim very well. Now he ran, skipped and boxed. He was soon really good at boxing. Clay converted to Islam in 1964 and changed his name to Muhammad Ali.

As he got older, Ali became ill. He couldn't speak very well or move quickly. He was no good at boxing. But he could still help other people to fight for a better world. And after all those years, he still wanted to find and hit the boy who stole his bike. 'That was a good bike,' he said.

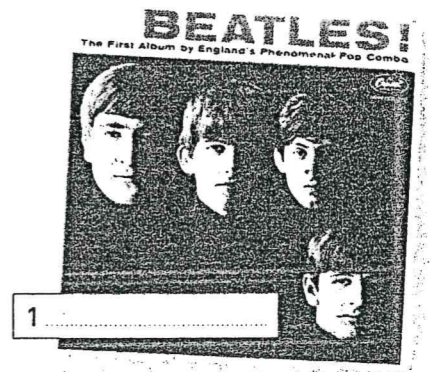


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BRITISH MUSIC

Pop music is an important part of British culture, not just as an expression of Britishness but also as an indicator of the multicultural nature of the country today. Britain was, with the USA, one of the two main contributors to the development of rock and roll, and in the 1960s and 1970s the UK provided some of the world's most famous rock stars, including *The Beatles*, *The Rolling Stones*, *The Who*, *Pink Floyd*, *Led Zeppelin*, *Queen* and many others.



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