

Maps of the United Kingdom: Merseyside

Liverpool, the biggest city in Merseyside, is perhaps most famous as the birthplace of the Beatles, but the Fab Four aren't the only chart-topping things about Merseyside: this is one of the country's sporting hubs, home to the Grand National at Aintree and two world-famous Premiership football teams, Liverpool FC and Everton. In-between fixtures, why not make a magical mystery tour of the city or take a trip on the Mersey Ferry? From the water, you can spot two birds perched atop the Liver Building – one looks across the docks and out to sea, making sure sailors make it safely back to port, while the other watches over the city, keeping its citizens safe. And once you've worked up an appetite, why not try some scouse? This stew has given Scousers their nickname – and a city of full bellies.

WILLIAM GLADSTONE 1809–1898

The Liberal politician from Liverpool was the prime minister four times (more than anyone else) and chancellor four times.

WAYNE ROONEY B. 1985

The footballer from Croxteth began his career at Everton and is the all-time record goalscorer for Manchester United and England.

LITA ROZA 1926–2008

The singer from Liverpool was the first woman to have a No. 1 hit record in the UK, with *(How Much Is) That Doggie in the Window?* in 1953.

MIKE MYERS B. 1963

The Canadian-born actor's parents were from Liverpool – he is the voice of Shrek and the star of *Wayne's World* and *Austin Powers*.

CILLA BLACK 1943–2015

Born Priscilla White, the singer and entertainer rose to fame during the "Swinging Sixties" alongside her friends the Beatles. She later became a popular television presenter.

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Challenge 1

- 1 Where is the Grand National held? _____
- 2 What is a 'ferry'? _____
- 3 When was Wayne Rooney born? _____
- 4 According to the text, what is 'scouse'? _____

1 mark

1 mark

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Challenge 2

- 1 What is another name for The Beatles? _____
- 2 What does the phrase 'magical mystery tour' suggest about what a visit to Liverpool might be like?

1 mark

1 mark

Challenge 3

- 1 What evidence is there to suggest that The Beatles are very famous?

- 2 Why do the birds on the Liver Building face in different directions?

- 3 Find two pieces of evidence that support the idea that the dish scouse is popular.

1 mark

1 mark

2 marks

Total: _____ / 10 marks



Had a go



Getting there



Got it!