

A vibrant illustration for Commonwealth Day. At the center is a stylized globe with green continents and blue oceans. Surrounding the globe is a diverse group of 15 people of various ages and ethnicities, all holding hands in a circle. They are dressed in traditional and modern clothing from different cultures, including a yellow sari, a green hoodie, a brown parka, a red dress, a green t-shirt, a yellow kurta, a purple dress, a plaid skirt, a pink dress, a yellow shirt, a purple hijab, a yellow shirt, a pink dress, a plaid skirt, a purple dress, a yellow kurta, a green t-shirt, a red dress, a brown parka, a green hoodie, and a yellow sari. The background is a solid blue color. The text "Commonwealth Day" is written in large, white, bold letters with a black outline, centered over the globe.

# Commonwealth Day

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# What Do You Already Know about the Commonwealth?

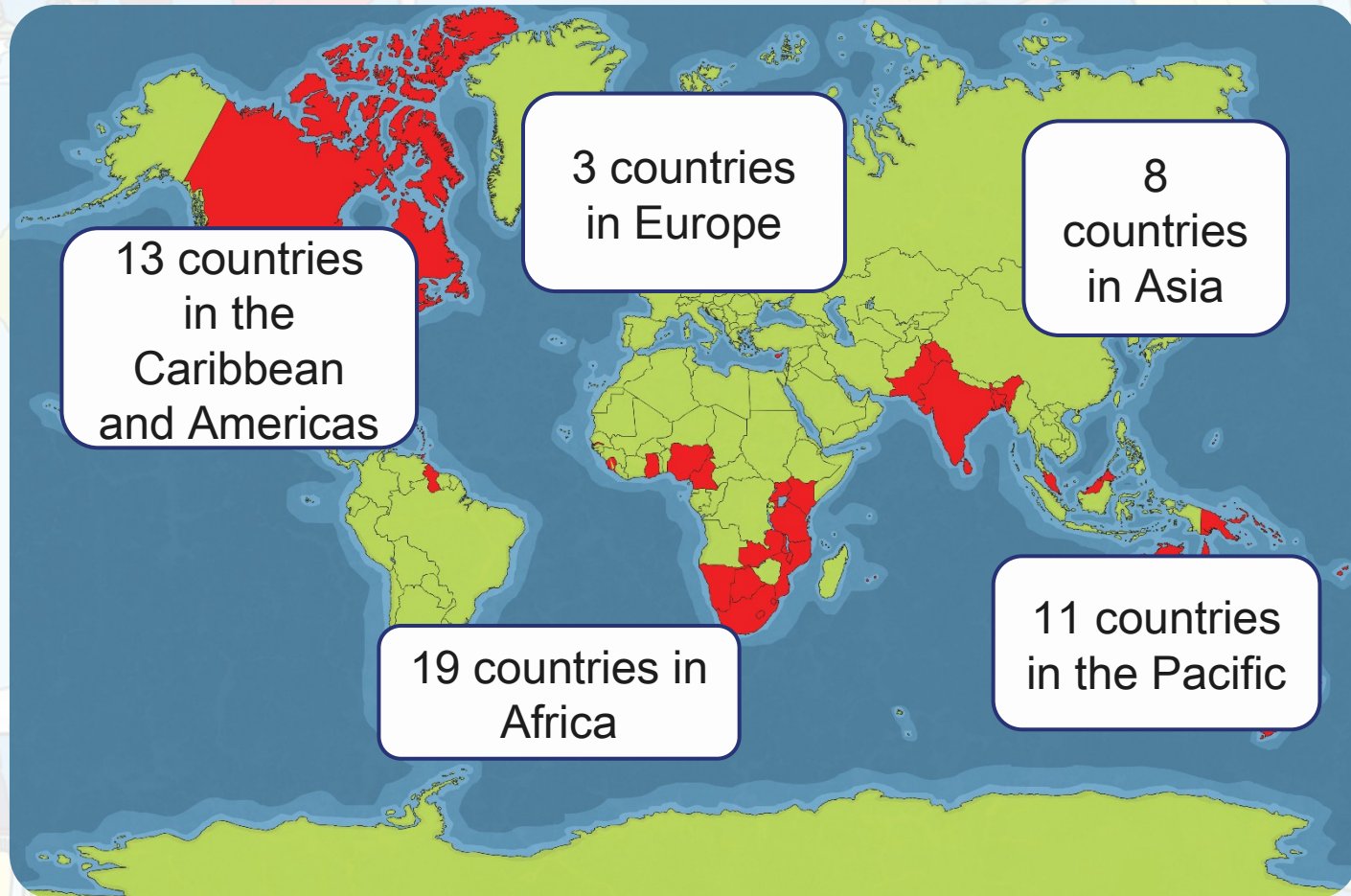
- The Commonwealth is a family of 2.4 billion people across 54 [nations](#).
- In the past, many of these nations made up the [British Empire](#). They have now chosen to be part of the modern Commonwealth.
- Queen Elizabeth II is the Head of the Commonwealth.
- The Commonwealth Games is an international sporting event held every four years where athletes from across the Commonwealth compete.

Click on the words in **blue** to find out more.





# Which Countries Are in the Commonwealth?



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## Africa

Botswana  
Cameroon  
The Gambia  
Ghana  
Kenya  
Kingdom of Eswatini  
Lesotho  
Malawi  
Mauritius  
Mozambique  
Namibia  
Nigeria  
Rwanda  
Seychelles  
Sierra Leone  
South Africa  
Uganda  
United Republic of Tanzania  
Zambia

## Caribbean and Americas

Antigua and Barbuda  
The Bahamas  
Barbados  
Belize  
Canada  
Dominica  
Grenada  
Guyana  
Jamaica  
Saint Lucia  
St Kitts and Nevis  
St Vincent and The  
Grenadines  
Trinidad and Tobago

## Europe

Cyprus  
Malta  
United Kingdom

# Which Countries Are in the Commonwealth?

## Asia

Bangladesh  
Brunei  
Darussalam  
India  
Malaysia  
Maldives  
Pakistan  
Singapore  
Sri Lanka

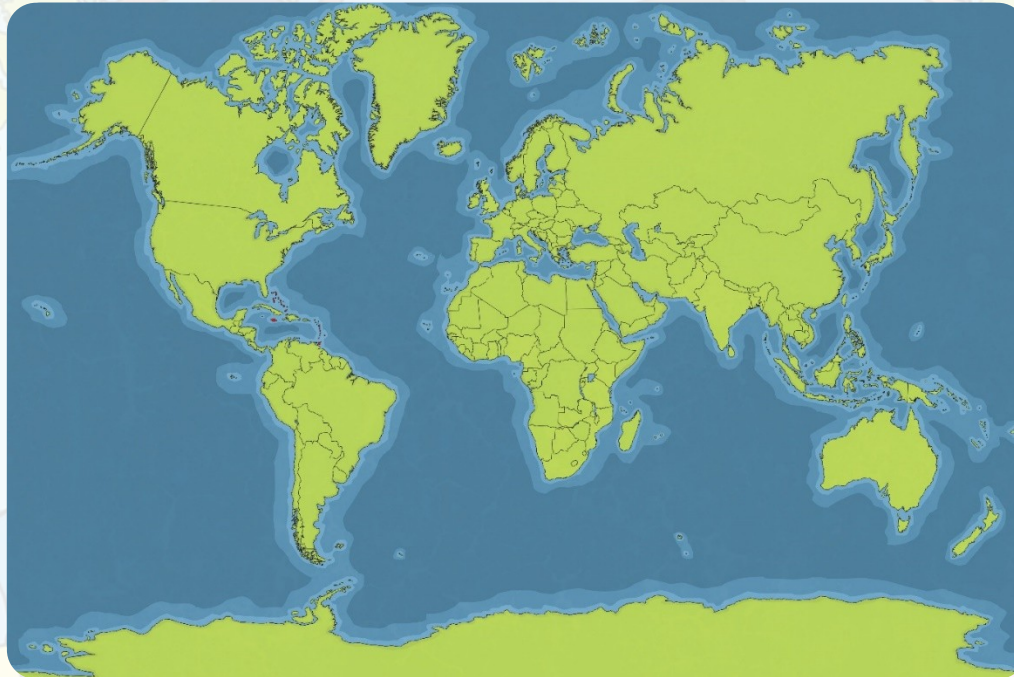
## Pacific

Australia  
Fiji  
Kiribati  
Nauru  
New Zealand  
Papua New Guinea  
Samoa  
Solomon Islands  
Tonga  
Tuvalu  
Vanatu



# Which Countries Are in the Commonwealth?

You have one minute, how many of the Commonwealth countries can you remember?



Start

End

# The Commonwealth Charter

The Commonwealth Charter describes the values that unite the Commonwealth.

1. Democracy

2. Human Rights

3. International  
peace and security

4. Tolerance, respect  
and understanding

5. Freedom of  
Expression

6. Separation of Powers

7. Rule of Law

8. Good Governance

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9. Sustainable Development

10. Protecting the Environment

11. Access to Health, Education, Food and Shelter

12. Gender Equality

13. Importance of Young People in the Commonwealth

14. Recognition of the Needs of Small States

15. Recognition of the Needs of Vulnerable States

16. The Role of Civil Society



# What Is Commonwealth Day?



- Commonwealth Day is a celebration of the Commonwealth.

- It is held every year on the second Monday in March.



# How Is It Celebrated?

- On this day across the world, people get together to celebrate the **diversity** of the Commonwealth.
- There will be gatherings, assemblies, flag-raising ceremonies and street parties. In some countries it is a public holiday.

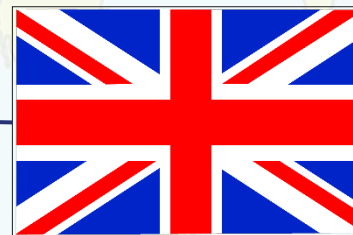
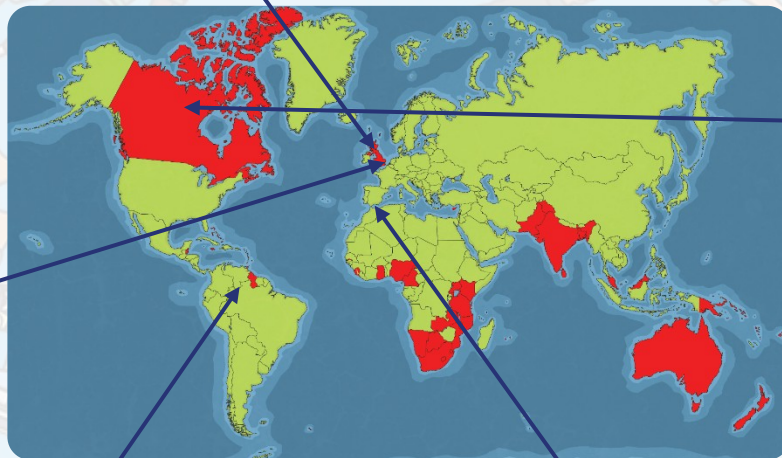


**Flags of the Commonwealth  
flying in London on  
Commonwealth Day.**

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**Click on the pictures to find out how World Commonwealth Day is celebrated around the world.**



# What Is This Year's Theme?

- Delivering a Common Future: Connecting, Innovating, Transforming.
- We are encouraged to join together in support of our shared environment.

This theme was chosen to encourage all the Commonwealth countries to connect and work together.





# What Is This Year's Theme?

**Join in with Commonwealth Day by trying some of these activities:**

- **Use the Internet or the library to research the different cultures or beliefs in the Commonwealth.**
- **Learn as many of the countries of the Commonwealth as you can.**
- **Who can learn the most in your class?**
- **Have a class party to celebrate Commonwealth Day.**
- **Try food from the different countries in the Commonwealth.**
- **Listen to music from the different countries in the Commonwealth.**
- **Make a Commonwealth flag and display it.**

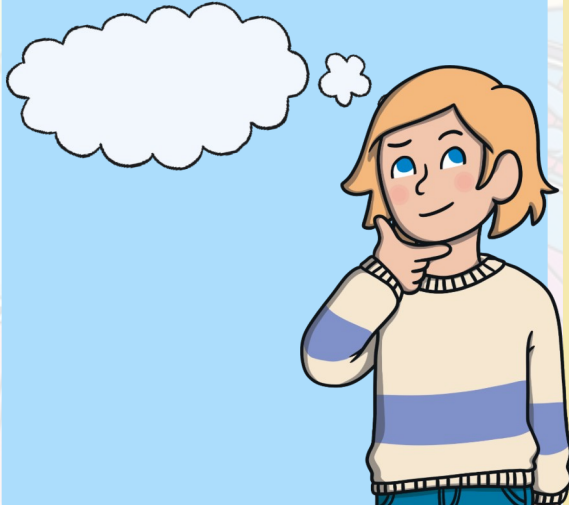


# Discuss It!

What have you learnt about Commonwealth Day?

## Think

What can you remember about Commonwealth Day?



## Pair

Share your ideas with a partner.



## Share

Share your ideas with the class.





# Glossary

**nation** – a community of people with its own territory and a government.

**diversity** – lots of different things. For example, there are lots of different kinds of people.

**British Empire** – a huge former empire of colonies, ruled the Great Britain. In 1920, it covered 24% of the Earth's total land area.

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