

## The Scottish English Podcast

### E2 - The Magical Unicorn: Scotland's National Animal

<i>Transcript</i>	<i>Vocabulary and grammar structures you should know. *= meaning used in the podcast if there is more than one meaning.</i>	<i>Collocations, idioms and other useful phrases.</i>
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<p><b>Claire   Kilted English:</b> [00:00:00]  My daughter, quite rightly, is <u>obsessed</u> with unicorns. She spends hours drawing or colouring them, imagining their magical abilities and their peaceful existence in <u>enchanted</u> forests  But did you know that the unicorn is Scotland's national animal?  Yes, these mystical creatures are closely tied to the history and culture of my <u>homeland</u>. Let's find out how this <u>came about</u>.</p> <p><b>Claire   Kilted English:</b> Hello and welcome to the Scottish English podcast. Improve your English while learning all about Scotland's history, culture and accents.  Subscribe wherever you get your podcasts or on my YouTube channel so you don't miss out on any upcoming episodes.  In the description you'll find a transcript of this episode which contains key vocabulary that you should know.  I'm Claire from Kilted English  I'm building a community of Upper Intermediate and Advanced English Language Learners to support [00:01:00] them as they prepare for the B2 First and the C1 Advanced</p>	<p><b>Obsess (verb)</b>  /əb' ses/ -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to completely fill your mind so that you cannot think of anything else, in a way that is not reasonable or normal</li> </ul> <p><b>Enchanted (adjective)</b>  /ɪn'tʃɑ:nɪd/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- placed under a spell*</li> <li>- filled with great pleasure</li> </ul> <p><b>Homeland (noun)</b>  /' hæʊmlænd/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the country where a person was born</li> </ul> <p><b>Come about (phrasal verb)</b>  - to happen</p> <p><b>Peculiar (adjective)</b> /pɪ' kju:liə(r)/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- strange or unusual, especially in a way that is unpleasant or makes you worried</li> <li>- peculiar (to somebody/something) belonging or relating to one particular place, situation, person, etc., and not to others*</li> </ul> <p><b>Folklore (noun)</b>  /' fəʊklɔ:(r)/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the traditions and stories of a country or community</li> </ul> <p><b>Depict (verb)</b>  /dɪ' pɪkt/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to show an image of somebody/something in a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Be obsessed by someone/something</li> <li>- Be obsessed with someone/something</li> <li>- Obsess someone</li> <li>- Obsess about something</li> <li>- An enchanted kingdom</li> <li>- Enchanted (to do something) She was enchanted to see him again after so long.</li> <li>- Be enchanted with something</li> <li>- Depict somebody/something (as</li> </ul>
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<p>Cambridge English exams. If that sounds like you, drop me a comment and I'll let you know all about it. I created the Scottish English Podcast to help upper intermediate and advanced learners of English to find out about the history of my country, its culture and what life is like living there, all through my <u>peculiar</u> accent. Unicorns in Scottish <u>Folklore</u>. Unicorns have been part of Scottish folklore for centuries. They were often <u>depicted</u> as wild and <u>untamable</u> creatures, living in remote forests. In Scottish tradition, unicorns were associated with purity, <u>virginity</u>, and innocence. It was believed that only a virgin could capture a unicorn and that the unicorn's horn had magical properties. For example, it was said that the unicorn's horn had healing powers. It was believed to be a cure for diseases and it was said that it could <u>detect</u> poison in food or drink with people believing that if [00:02:00] the <u>poison</u> touched the cup it would explode. The Royal Unicorn. The unicorn became a symbol of</p>	<p>picture*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to describe something in words, or give an impression of something in words or with a picture</li> </ul> <p>Tame (adjective) /teɪm/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- (of animals, birds, etc.) not afraid of people, and used to living with them</li> </ul> <p>Virginity (noun) /vəˈdʒɪnəti/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the state of being a <b>virgin</b> (someone who hasn't had sex)</li> </ul> <p>Detect (verb) /dɪˈtekt/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to discover or notice something, especially something that is not easy to see, hear, etc.</li> </ul> <p>Poison (noun) /ˈpɔɪzn/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a substance that causes death or harm if it gets into the body*</li> <li>- an idea, a feeling, etc. that is extremely harmful</li> </ul> <p>Coat of arms (noun) /ˌkəʊt əv ˈɑːmz/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a design or a <b>shield</b> that is a special symbol of a family, city or other organization</li> </ul> <p>Motif (noun) /məʊˈtiːf/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a design or a pattern used as a decoration*</li> </ul>	<p>somebody/something)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Depict somebody/something doing something</li> </ul> <p>In the transcript, I use 'untamable' which is a negative form of the adjective 'tame', and has the meaning of not being able to be made tame.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Detect something</li> <li>- Detect a difference</li> <li>- Detect changes</li> </ul> <p>Idiom: what's your poison?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- (<i>old-fashioned, informal, humorous</i>) used to ask somebody what alcoholic drink they would like</li> </ul>
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<p>symbol of Scottish royalty. As discussed, the unicorn's image can be found on many different emblems, which represents the strength, purity and rarity of the Scottish monarchy. Unicorns in modern culture. Today, unicorns continue to be a popular symbol in Scottish culture and <u>further afield</u>. They are often featured in books, films and other forms of media. They've also become a popular theme in fashion and <u>merchandise</u>. The enduring appeal of unicorns lies in their ability to spark our imagination and <u>ignite</u> our sense of <u>wonder</u>. They represent a time when the world was filled with magic and mystery. Unicorns are a reminder of the importance of hope, purity and innocence. So, unicorns may be <u>mythical</u> creatures, but they have a deep connection to [00:04:00] Scotland's heritage. They have been a part of Scottish folklore for centuries and continue to be a popular symbol in Scottish culture. Whether you believe in unicorns or not, there's no <u>denying</u></p>	<p><i>/'vɜ:tʃuəs/</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- behaving in a very good and moral way; showing high moral standards*</li> <li>- claiming to behave better or have higher moral standards than other people</li> </ul> <p>Monarchy (noun) <i>/'mɒnəki/</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a system of government by a king or a queen*</li> <li>- a country that is ruled by a king or a queen</li> </ul> <p>Majestic (adjective) <i>/mə'dʒestɪk/</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- impressive because of size or beauty</li> </ul> <p>Rarity (noun) <i>/'reərəti/</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a person or thing that is unusual and is therefore often valuable or interesting</li> <li>- the quality of being rare*</li> </ul> <p>Fitting (adjective) <i>/'fɪtɪŋ/</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- suitable or right for the occasion</li> </ul> <p>Enduring (adjective) <i>/ɪn'dʒʊərɪŋ/</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- lasting for a long time</li> </ul> <p>Further afield (idiom)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- far away from home; to or in places that are not near</li> </ul>	
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their enduring appeal.  
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## Merchandise (noun)

/ ' m 3 : tʃ ə n d aɪ s / / ' m 3 : tʃ ə n d aɪ z /

- goods that are bought or sold; goods that are for sale in a shop
- things you can buy that are connected with or that advertise a particular event or organization\*

Ignite (verb)

/ɪgˈnaɪt/

- to start to burn; to make something start to burn

Wonder (noun)

/ˈwʌndə(r)/

- a feeling of surprise and pleasure that you have when you see or experience something beautiful, unusual or unexpected\*
- something that fills you with surprise and pleasure

Mythical (adjective)

/ˈmɪθɪkl/

- existing only in ancient **myths**
- that does not exist or is not true

Deny (verb)

/di' nai/

- to say that something is not true\*
- to refuse to admit or accept something
- to refuse to allow somebody to have something that they want or ask for
- (deny yourself) to refuse to let yourself have something that you would like to have, especially for moral or religious reasons

- A sense of wonder
- In wonder

- Deny wrongdoing
- vehemently/strenuously/categorically deny
- It can't be denied that...
- There's no denying (the fact) that...
- Deny doing something

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