

UK City Names

- Village:** A small community in a rural area, usually with less than 1,000 residents.
- Town:** A place with residential and commercial areas, a church and a square
- City:** A large town, typically with more than 10,000 residents.

Many English cities and towns have common suffixes. For example:

<u>Suffix</u>	<u>Meaning</u>	<u>Examples</u>
-ford	a river crossing	Oxford, Chelmsford, Hereford
-bridge	a river bridge	Cambridge, Banbridge, Trowbridge,
-borough	a fortified town	Peterborough, Middlesborough, Farnborough
-well	a spring	Rothwell, Bakewell, Southwell
-mouth	a river mouth	Avonmouth, Portsmouth, Plymouth
-croft	a small animal farm	Bancroft, Suncroft, Farmcroft
-chester	a Roman town	Manchester, Portchester, Winchester
-bourne	a stream	Eastbourne, Sittingbourne, Ashbourne
-bury	a stronghold	Glastonbury, Canterbury, Salisbury
-hampton	a home settlement	Southampton, Northampton, Littlehampton
-hill	on a hill	Redhill, Whitehill, Haverhill
-ham	low-lying land	Buckingham, Birmingham, Nottingham

Oxford - A river crossing for oxen

Cambridge - A bridge over the river Cam

Peterborough - St. Peter's town

Rothwell - A spring in the forest called Roth

Avonmouth - A town at the mouth of the river Avon

Bancroft - A small animal farm on a river bank

Manchester - Original Roman name – Mancunium

Eastbourne – A stream in the east

Glastonbury - A stronghold at Glaston (a Celtic name)

Southampton - A home settlement in the south

Redhill – A town on a hill with red soil

Buckingham - The land of the people of Bucca

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_towns_in_England

The origins of English Place Names:

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/inspire-me/origins-of-english-place-names/>

Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogoch

is a village on the island of Anglesey in Wales. The village is best known for its name, the longest place name in Europe and one of the longest place names in the world.

The short form of the village's name is Llanfairpwllgwyngyll, also spelled Llanfair Pwllgwyngyll. It is commonly known as Llanfair PG or Llanfairpwll.

According to the 2001 census, the population of the community is 3,040, 76% of whom speak Welsh fluently; the highest percentage of speakers is in the 10–14 age group, where 97.1% are able to speak Welsh. It is the fifth largest settlement on the island by population.

Visitors stop at the railway station to be photographed next to the station sign, visit the nearby Visitors Centre, or have 'passports' stamped at a local shop.

Pronunciation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fHxO0UdpoxM> (short)

Extreme place names around the world:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=39pTz2mei7s> (8 mins)