

Blue Impulse vs the Red Arrows

In Japan, you have the famous *Blue Impulse* aerobatics team that perform across the country and sometimes even abroad. I'm sure many of you have gone to their shows, seen them on TV or even played as them in videogames.

In the UK, we have a team called the *Red Arrows* who recently came to my home town, *Teignmouth*. They do similar stunts to *Blue Impulse*, and are loved by many people. Some of my friends and family went to see the show and I wish I could have been there.



If you're interested, you can check the *Red Arrows* out on YouTube [here](#), or *Blue Impulse* [here](#). The most noticeable difference between the *Red Arrows* and *Blue Impulse* is the smoke they release and the number of planes used. *Blue Impulse* fly six planes that have four different colors of smoke but usually only use white, while the *Red Arrows* fly nine planes that use just white, red and blue, to represent the colors of the British flag.

If you're ever in the UK, be sure to try to see them. I've never seen *Blue Impulse* but I'm sure they too are amazing. I'd like to see them soon, but unfortunately they aren't coming to Shikoku this year. Perhaps next year we'll be luckier!



	Red Arrows (BAE Hawk)	Blue Impulse (Kawasaki T-4)
Top Speed	1,028 kph	1,038 kph
Aircraft in show	Up to 9	6
Crew	2	2
Weight	4,480kg	3,700kg
Service Ceiling	13,565m	15,240m
Length	12.43m	13m
Wingspan	9.94m	9.94m
Height	3.98m	4.6m

Vocabulary

aerobatics – 曲技飛行

perform – 演奏する

abroad – 外国へ

stunt – スタント

similar – 似ている

noticeable difference – 顕著な違い

smoke – 煙

represent – 代表する