





The United Kingdom

Key Vocabulary

Region	Is an area of land that has common features.
County	Is a smaller area of the UK containing lots of towns and villages.
City	Is the largest type of settlement, containing lots of buildings and lots of people. They usually have hospitals, sports facilities, universities, shops and a cathedral.
Human geography	This examines the nature and environment and with it, natural hazards and their effects for example what happens when a volcano erupts or where and why does flooding occur
Physical geography	Thus studies the effects of our activities on the planet and what living in our environments on the lives and activities of the people means, such as why people move from villages into towns or even migrate from country to country or what it happens when we exploit the earth's resources or why we experience the effects of global warming
Mountain	Is a landform that rises high above the surrounding terrain in a limited area. They are made from rocks and earth. Generally, mountains are higher than 600 metres.
Islands	These are areas of land that are not connected to a continent and are surrounded by water.
Cliff	Is a large mass of rock that is very tall. In addition, it must also be very steep. This means that instead of sloping gradually, like a hill might, a cliff is almost straight up and down
River	Is a flowing, moving stream of water. Usually a river feeds water into an ocean, lake, pond, or even another river.

Key Information

Country	Flag	Capital City	Key Landmark	Key Rivers	High Ground
England		London	Stonehenge	Thames	Pennines
Scotland		Edinburgh	Ben Nevis	Tay	Grampian Mountains
Wales		Cardiff	Snowdon	Severn (also flows through England)	Cambrian Mountains
Northern Ireland		Belfast	Giant's Causeway	Bann	Sperrin Mountains

Why People May come to the UK and Tourism

Many people decide to move to and live permanently in the UK. These immigrants can come from all over the world including Italy, India, China and Australia. They might decide to live in the UK to be nearer to family, for work or for a different lifestyle. Some people come to the UK for a holiday. These people are called tourist. They may come to see the capital cities or they may visit somewhere like the Lake District or one of the many coastal towns.

Human Features of the UK

There are a lot of exciting human features found in the UK including Angel of the North, Buckingham Palace, Roman Baths, Canterbury Cathedral, Anfield, Stone Henge, Clifton Suspension Bridge, Hadrian's Wall. In Lancashire, our most exciting human features are Lancaster castle, Blackpool tower, Houghton tower and Salmesbury Hall.

Physical Features of the UK

The UK has a lot of physical features that we can study. It has many rivers, the longest being the River Severn. One of the best known rivers is the one that flows through London called the Thames. Our nearest river is the River Ribble. The UK also has a lot of mountains and hills. The highest in England is Scarfell Pike. Other well-known mountains are Helvellyn and The Pennines. The tallest mountain in the UK is found in Scotland and is called Ben Nevis. The UK is an island and this means we have a lot of beautiful cliffs. Some well-known ones are the White Cliffs Dover, Land's End, Poole Harbour and The Needles.

The UK

The UK is in Europe and is made up of 4 countries: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Ireland is a separate to Northern Ireland. The UK is sandwiched between two seas, the North sea being on the right and the North Atlantic on the left. The UK is made up of regions. Blackburn is located in the North West. Other regions include North East, Yorkshire and the Humber, West Midlands, East Midlands, East Anglia, South West, South East. The UK is made up on areas smaller than regions called counties. Our county is called Lancashire. We then have cities which are smaller than counties. The biggest is our capital city: London. Other big cities include Cardiff, Belfast, Edinburgh, Manchester, Liverpool.

