UNITED KINGDOM



Key Vocabulary	
county	A small area of the UK containing lots of towns and villages.
prime meridian	An imaginary line which divides the Earth into the eastern and western hemispheres.
immigration	People moving to another country to live there permanently.
UK	The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
Great Britain	England, Scotland and Wales.
landmark	A feature of the landscape or area that is easily recognised.
millennium	A time period of 1000 years. The New Millennium started 1st January 2000.

Places in the United Kingdom

The UK is currently split into 100 counties – 48 in England, 33 in Scotland, 13 in Wales and 6 in Northern Ireland.

Capital Cities



England: London

London is the capital and largest city of England and the United Kingdom. Founded by Romans, London stands on the south-east coast of the river Themes. Famous Landmarks include Big Ben, Houses of Parliament and Buckingham Palace.

Scotland: Edinburgh



Edinburgh is the capital city of Scotland, and is the seat of the Scottish Government and Parliament. The city is a well-known centre of education, law and medicine. It is an extremely beautiful city, and is amongst Britain's most visited tourist centres.



Wales: Cardiff

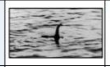
Cardiff is the capital and largest city of Wales, and the 11th-largest city in the UK. Cardiff is Wales' most visited city.

Norther Ireland: Belfast



Belfast is the capital and largest city of Northern Ireland. Since the early 19th Century, Belfast has been a major port and it is the place in which *The Titanic* was built.

Physical Geography Features

Natural Resources		About 75% of land in the UK is suitable for farming - farmers both grow crops and rear animals.	rear	to breed and raise (an animal)
National Parks		There are 15 National Parks across England, Scotland and Wales, which have all been created since 1950. National Parks aim to protect the outstanding countryside in their area and provide entertainment opportunities.	national	relating to the whole of a country or nation
Climate		The UK is seen as covered with grey skies as in general the climate of the UK is cool, often cloudy and rainy. People living in Britain usually have warm summers and cool winters.	climate	the usual temperature, wind, rainfall, and other weather conditions
Loch Ness		Loch Ness is a large, deep freshwater lake in the Scottish Highlands. For years, there was rumoured to be a monster ('Nessie') living in the lake.	freshwater	water that does not have a lot of salt in it
Highest mountain		Ben Nevis is the highest mountain in the British Isles, the summit rises to 1,345 meters above sea level. It is located in Scotland.	summit	the highest point
Longest River		River Severn has a length of 220 miles. It runs through Shrewsbury, Worcester, Bristol, Gloucester.		

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

Map and Overview



The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, also known as the UK, is a country located off the north-eastern coast of Europe.

The UK includes England, Scotland, Wales (GB) and Northern Ireland.

The capital city of the UK is London.

The UK flag is called the Union Jack:



Land area of the UK is around 242,500km²

The population (the whole number of people living in the country) is around 66 million.