

Knowledge Organiser: The United Kingdom

Year 2 Term 1.2 Geography

Important Topic Vocabulary

continent – This is a massive area of land that contains lots of countries.

country – This is an area of land within a continent.

capital city- This is the main city in a country where the government is located.

town – This is a place with many streets and buildings where people live and work. Towns are smaller than cities but bigger than villages.

village – A small group of houses and other buildings like a church and a shop that are located in the countryside.

ocean – This is a huge body of salt water.

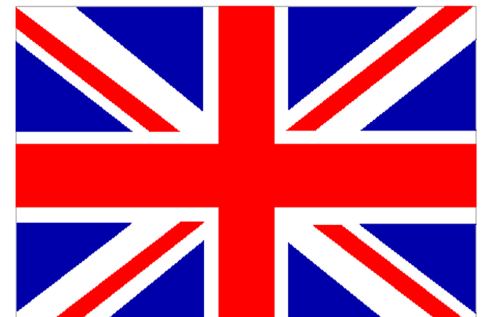
sea – This is a body of salt water not as large as an ocean.

population – This is all the people who live in a country or an area.

Map of the UK



Learn where the countries, capital cities and bodies of water are on this map of the UK.



The United Kingdom (UK)

We all live in the UK. The UK is made up of four countries. These are England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Burnley Brow is on Victoria Street, in Oldham. Oldham is a town in Manchester. Manchester is a city in England.

What should I already know?

I should know that England is in the United Kingdom

I should know that the capital city of England is London.

I should know that Oldham is a town in England.

Capital Cities

Each country of the United Kingdom has its own capital city. Within each capital city there is a river that flows through it.



Country: England

Capital City: London

River: Thames

The River Thames flows into the North Sea.



Country: Scotland

Capital City: Edinburgh

River: The Water of Leith

The Water of Leith also flows into the North Sea.



Country: Wales

Capital City: Cardiff

River: Taff

The River Taff flows into Cardiff Bay then into the Bristol Channel.



Country: Northern Ireland

Capital City: Belfast

River: Lagan

The River Lagan flows into the Irish Sea.

Villages



In the UK there are lots of villages. A village is usually in the countryside and is smaller than a town. The countryside is an area where not many people live, there are fewer buildings and a lot of land. Facilities of a village usually include; a shop, church, school, village hall and public house.

Towns



Within the UK there are lots of towns. Towns are bigger than villages and have a larger population. Lots of people work in towns. Facilities in a town usually include colleges and schools, a shopping centre, restaurants, a leisure centre and parks. Tram, train or bus stations can also be found in towns.

Sticky Knowledge

The capital city of England is London.

In Scotland, the capital city is Edinburgh.

The capital city of Wales is Cardiff.

In Northern Ireland, the capital city is Belfast.

Know that a village is usually in the countryside and is smaller than a town.

Know that in a village the facilities usually include a shop, a church and a school.

Know that in a town you will find colleges, a shopping centre, a leisure centre and many transport links.

Wonderful Websites

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zyhp34j/articles/z4v3jhv>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/geography-ks1--ks2-the-united-kingdom/zhtgrj6>

