

Important Topic Vocabulary

region	A large area of land with a number of counties in it
county	An area of Britain that has its own local government
rural	Characteristic of the countryside.
urban	Characteristic of a town or city
landscape	All the visible features of an area of land
port	A harbour area where ships load and unload goods or passengers
Greenwich Meridian	A longitude line that shows the world's standard time zone system
Northern Hemisphere	The half of the globe that lies north of the Equator
peninsula	A piece of land almost surrounded by water
settlement	A place where people have come to live and have built homes.

What should you already know?

- The United Kingdom is made up of the countries England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- Know that London is the capital city of England, Edinburgh is the capital city of Scotland, Cardiff the capital of Wales and Belfast the capital city of Northern Ireland.
- Know the difference between a city, a town and a village.
- Name and locate the European countries of France, Germany, Spain, Italy and Russia and know the names of their capital cities.
- Name some famous European landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower in Paris and the Coliseum in Rome.

Regions

A region is a large area of land with a number of counties in it.

England is divided into 9 geographical regions.

These are London, the South East, South West, East of England, East Midlands, West Midlands, Yorkshire and Humber, North East and the North West.

The counties of Greater Manchester, Cumbria, Lancashire, Cheshire and Merseyside are found in the North West of England.

Each of these counties in the North West has its own local government.



The North West of England is the third most populated region of the United Kingdom after London and the South East.

Liverpool and Manchester are the North West's largest settlements as these are the two largest cities in the region.

The North West

In the North West you will find the Pennine Hills and the Lake District National Park where you will find Lake Windermere and Scafell Pike: England's largest natural lake and tallest mountain.

The southern part of the North West region has a mix of rural and urban landscapes and contains many cities, towns and villages. The northern part of the North West region is mainly rural.

The River Mersey, River Derwent, River Irk, River Medlock and River Ribble are all found in this region. The Manchester Ship Canal links Manchester to Liverpool and the Irish Sea.

The largest cities and towns in the North West region:

Greater Manchester: Manchester

Cheshire: Warrington

Lancashire: Blackpool

Cumbria: Carlisle

Merseyside: Liverpool

Lake Windermere



Scafell Pike



Pennine Hills



Port of Liverpool



Manchester Ship Canal



Italy and its regions



Italy is a country in Europe which has a long Mediterranean coastline. Rome is its capital city. Italy is a peninsula – this means that it is largely surrounded by water with only some of its border being connected to the mainland.

There are 20 regions in Italy and Campania is a region in south-western Italy.

The regional capital of Campania is Naples. It has the highest population in the region.

Naples is one of Europe's passenger ports with approximately 6.5 million passengers travel through the port each year.

It is a popular tourist destination because it is near the Amalfi coast where the climate is warm and there are lots of beaches.

Italy's currency is the Euro.



Campania is a historical region with many famous landmarks that are UNESCO World Heritage Sites. These include Naples, Pompeii and Herculaneum.

Campania is where pizza originated. Queen Margherita inspired the creation of this pizza. Raffaele Esposito, a pizza maker, was invited to create a pizza for Italian King Umberto I and his wife, Queen Margherita, in 1889. He created a straightforward pizza with fresh tomatoes, mozzarella cheese, and basil. The colours of these foods represent the Italian flag.



Naples



Pompeii



Herculaneum

Mount Vesuvius



Campania is mountainous and hilly. The Apennine mountain range runs through this region. It has an active volcano called Mount Vesuvius. The areas around Mount Vesuvius are very fertile and they produce olive and fruit crops. They grow apricots, peaches, nuts, citrus and grapes.