

The UK

Knowledge Organiser for

Key Vocabulary

Word	Meaning
UK	UK stands for the U nited K ingdom. It is made up of four countries: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
Country	An area of land with its own government , rules and borders.
Town	A town is a place where people live and work. It is bigger than a village but smaller than a city.
City	LaA city is the largest place where people live. It has lots of different types of housing and many different business, shops and places of worship.
Village	A village is a small place to live with a small number of people and not many people. It is usually surrounded by countryside.
Capital City	The main city in the country where the Government meet and make decisions.
Countryside	This is the land in the country that is not in towns and cities. The countryside has lots of grass, farmland and usually trees. There can be woodland, forests, and lakes too.
Population	How many people live in one particular place. This could be the population of a city, town country or the whole world.
Landmarks	Something in a place that is easy to recognise and known by most people. Big Ben is a London landmark.

England



England is the largest country in the UK. The capital city is London. In the south of England it is quite flat but there are lots of hills and valleys North. There are big cities and towns like London , Manchester and Birmingham. There are also large areas of countryside and a long coastline.

Wales



Wales is a small country to the west of England. The capital city is Cardiff. There are lots of mountains and countryside in Wales and a long coastline with sandy and pebble beaches. Wales has its own language (Welsh) but English is the most spoken language there.

Scotland



Scotland is in the north of the UK. The capital city is Edinburgh. The largest mountains in the UK are in Scotland including Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in the UK. Scotland also has the largest lake in the UK called Loch Ness. Scotland also has its own language, (Galic) but English is spoken throughout.

Northern Ireland



Northern Ireland is the smallest country in the UK. The capital city is Belfast. Northern Ireland is over the sea from the rest of the UK and attached to another country called Ireland. One of it's most famous landmarks is The Giant's Causeway - hexagonal rock shapes that lead to the sea.



Queen Elizabeth the Second is the head of state for the United Kingdom. She has been Queen since 1952. That is over 60 years!

Useful links

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zdq6t39>

Books to Inspire:



Diagrams



Learning Outcomes

- Name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the UK and its surrounding areas
- Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the UK and its countries
- Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to physical features and Human features.
- Use aerial photographs to recognise basic human and physical features