



Topic: The United Kingdom

Year: 3

Strand: Locational Knowledge

What should I already know?

In Key Stage One you learnt about the world's seven continents and five oceans. You also learnt the names and locations of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom.



Key Vocabulary

City	A city is a large town which has received its title by a king or queen. Cities often have a cathedral.
Town	A town is a place with many streets and buildings, where people live and work. Towns are larger than villages and smaller than cities.
Village	A village is a group of houses, together with other buildings such as a church and a school, in a country area.
Countryside/ rural	The countryside is land which is away from towns and cities. Rural places are far away from large towns or cities.
Urban	Urban means belonging to, or relating to, a town or city.
Geographical features	Geographical features are things we find on the planet earth.
Human geographical features	Geographical features that have been created or built by humans such as roads, bridges and towns.
Physical geographical features	Geographical features that have been created naturally such as forests, deserts and rivers.
Mountain	A mountain is a very high area of land with steep sides. A mountain is usually at least 2000ft in height.
River	A river is a large amount of fresh water flowing continuously in a long line across the land.
Forest	A forest is a large area where trees grow close together.
Hill	A hill is an area of land that is higher than the land that surrounds it.

What will I know by the end of the unit?

Which four countries make up the United Kingdom?	England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland
What is the capital city of each of the four countries of the UK?	London, Edinburgh, Cardiff, Belfast
Where is the United Kingdom?	Northern hemisphere, Europe
In which county will you find Horley?	Surrey
In which region will you find Horley?	The south-east
Name a city in the midlands.	Birmingham
Name the 8 points on a compass	N, NE, E, SE, S, SW, W, NW, N
Name 4 cities in the UK that are not capital cities	Manchester, Birmingham, Swansea, Glasgow
What is human geography?	How humans affect the earth and places on the earth
What is physical geography?	The branch of geography that deals with natural features

Objectives

To name and locate countries and cities of the United Kingdom.

To identify geographical regions of the UK.

To identify key human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (hills, mountains, coasts and rivers) of the UK.

Geographic Enquiry

- Use maps, atlases, globe and digital mapping to locate countries and describe the features studied.
- Use the eight points of a compass.

Useful Websites

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=compass%20points>