



## Year 2 Geography: The United Kingdom

### NC Strand: Locational Knowledge/Human and Physical Geography

During this unit, we learn about The United Kingdom and it's human and physical features.

#### What I Already Know

The country I live in is called England. London is the capital city of England. I live in Kingsbury which is an area of London.

#### Key Questions

- Which continent is The United Kingdom a part of?
- How many countries make up the United Kingdom?
- What is the capital city of England?
- What are the names of other capital cities of the United Kingdom?
- What is a famous landmark of each of the countries?
- How many seas and oceans surround the United Kingdom?



Edinburgh Castle



Giants Causeway



Mount Snowdon



Big Ben

#### Key Vocabulary

|                           |                                                                                                                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Aerial view</b>        | A view from above.                                                                                                |
| <b>Capital city</b>       | The city where the Government sits. London is the capital city of <b>England</b> and the <b>U.K.</b>              |
| <b>City</b>               | A large human settlement with many buildings and people. Cities have large networks for transport and sanitation. |
| <b>Compass point</b>      | Any of the main points of the compass: north, south, east and west.                                               |
| <b>Country</b>            | An area of land that is controlled by its own government.                                                         |
| <b>Flag</b>               | A piece of cloth which can be attached to a pole and which is used as a symbol of a particular country.           |
| <b>Human geography</b>    | A feature of land that has been impacted by human activity.                                                       |
| <b>Physical geography</b> | Natural features of the land.                                                                                     |
| <b>Island</b>             | A piece of land that is completely surrounded by water.                                                           |
| <b>Kingdom</b>            | A country, state or territory ruled by a king or queen.                                                           |
| <b>Sea</b>                | A large area of salty water that is part of an ocean.                                                             |
| <b>United</b>             | Joined together politically for a common purpose or by common feelings.                                           |

## Key Facts

- The United Kingdom (UK), is officially known as the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
- The UK includes the island of Great Britain, Northern Ireland and many smaller islands.
- The Republic of Ireland is not a country of the United Kingdom.
- Each country has its own famous physical and human landmarks.

## Flags

| Country          | Capital City | Flag                                                                                | National Flower                                                                                 |
|------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| England          | London       |    | <br>Rose       |
| Scotland         | Edinburgh    |   | <br>Thistle   |
| Wales            | Cardiff      |  | <br>Daffodil |
| Northern Ireland | Belfast      |  | <br>Shamrock |

## Essential Information

- The United Kingdom is a country made up of four nations: **England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.**
- England is the biggest country in the United Kingdom.
- Great Britain is an island, it is surrounded by seas and oceans: **Irish Sea, North Sea, the English Channel and the Atlantic Ocean.**
- Each country has its own capital city, flag and national flower.
- Each country also has its own Patron saint: **Saint George** for England, **Saint Andrew** for Scotland, **Saint Patrick** for Northern Ireland and **Saint David** for Wales.
- The national currency in the United Kingdom is the British Pound.
- The national anthem of the United Kingdom is 'God Save the Queen'.
- The **River Thames** runs through London.

## Useful Websites

Explore the four different countries that make up the United Kingdom by using the links below:

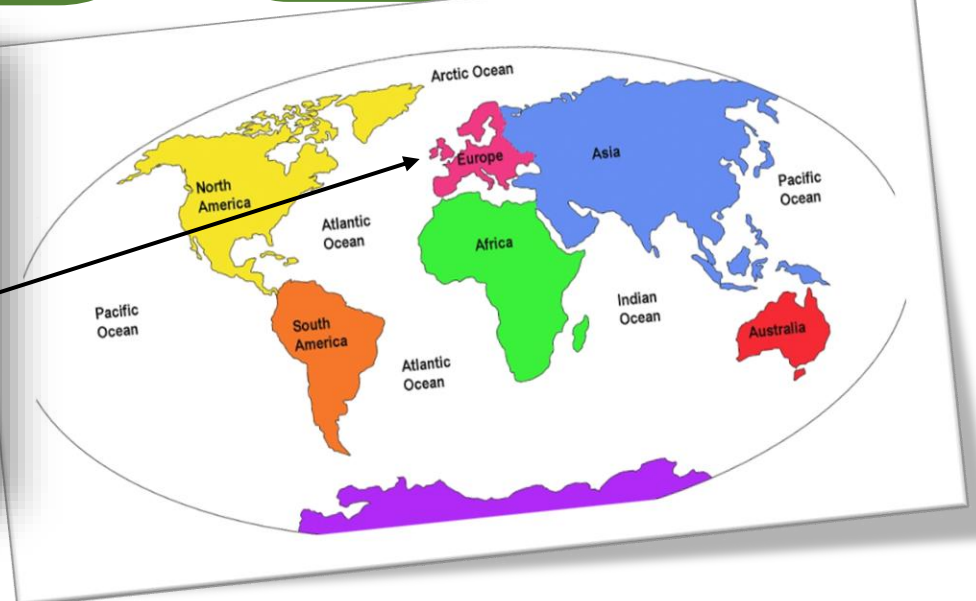
[BBC Teach](#) > [Primary resources](#) > [Geography KS1](#)

What makes up the United Kingdom -Video Clip

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=95ijU-zCaj4>

Facts of the United Kingdom.

<https://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/uk-facts.html>



## Home Learning Suggestions

Make a poster of the United Kingdom showing the main characteristics of each country, for example, a national dish, famous landmarks, national costume, famous people, etc.