

England - Geography

Map of the United Kingdom



Key Vocabulary

England	Town
Scotland	North Sea
Wales	Atlantic Ocean
Northern Ireland	Irish Sea
The United Kingdom	English Channel
Country	London
city	Edinburgh
Village	Belfast
Ocean	Cardiff

The United Kingdom

The UK is made up of the island of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It is surrounded by the English Channel, the North Sea, the Irish Sea and the North Atlantic Ocean.

England:

England is the largest country in the UK. London is the capital city. Many parts of England are flat but there is also lots of rural countryside with rolling hills and valleys in the north.

Scotland:

Scotland is a country in the north of the UK. Edinburgh is the capital city. Scotland has large mountains including Ben Nevis, which is the largest in the UK.

Wales:

Wales is a mountainous country in the west of the UK. Cardiff is the capital city. Wales has its own language (Welsh). Not everyone there speaks it though.

Northern Ireland:

Northern Ireland is the smallest country in the UK. Belfast is the capital city. One of the most famous landmarks is Giant's Causeway (natural rock steps mostly hexagonal in shape).

The Capital City of the United Kingdom

London is a very busy and built-up city with lots of important buildings. London has lots of famous landmarks. These include the London Eye, Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Tower Bridge and Westminster Abbey.

While there are lots of buildings, London also has lots of green spaces in its parks, including Hyde Park and Regents Park.

Glossary and Key Terms

Country - Land that is controlled by a single government.

Capital city - A capital is a city where a region's government is located.

Ocean - A large area of sea

Sea - A body of salt water not as large as an ocean and often nearly surrounded by land.

Island -.An area of land surrounded by water.

City - A city is a large settlement where many people live together. You would find museums, parks, stadiums, universities, theatres, offices and shops there.

Town - A town is a place where people live and work. There may be shops, places of worship, leisure facilities and schools there. It is bigger than a village but smaller than a city.

Village - These are small settlements with enough houses for a few hundred people. Most villages are found in the countryside and may be surrounded by farms where food is produced and sold to people in towns and cities. Some villages have a few shops.

Important questions

Which four countries make up the United Kingdom?

What are the names of the capital cities of each of the four countries?

What are the names of the seas that surround the United Kingdom?

What is the capital city of England?

What is the capital city of Scotland?

What is the capital city of Wales?

What is the capital city of Northern Ireland?

What is the body of water called between England and Northern Ireland?

Which ocean is closest to the United Kingdom?

Which sea is on the East coast of Scotland?

