

GNSA Primary Knowledge Map – Geography



Topic: Around the United Kingdom

Year: 1

Strand: Name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries of the UK.

What do I know already?

- I live in London which is the capital city of England.
- There are Patron Saint days for the four countries of the United Kingdom.
- The Queen rules over the United Kingdom.

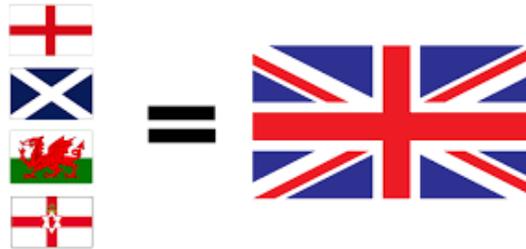


The Houses of Parliament

Key Vocabulary

United Kingdom	The name given to the four countries ruled by Queen Elizabeth II.
Cities	Large towns, where lots of people live and work together.
Landmarks	Important places or buildings in an area.
Map	A drawing of a place which shows what is there like buildings or rivers.
England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland	The four countries which form the United Kingdom.
Country	A place with its own government that runs it.
Capital City	A city where the government of the country is.
Traditions	Something people do at the same time each year which comes from the past.
Language	The way people from different countries speak.
Facts	Something that we know is true.
Place	Where something is, its location.
Physical Features	Natural features in an area like rivers, mountains and lakes.
Human Features	Man made features in an area like shops, airports or roads.
Compass	An object which shows us what direction we are going in: North, South, East or West.
Directions	The way we are travelling towards.

The flags of the countries in the United Kingdom



United Kingdom landmarks



Human Features:

- The four capital cities of the United Kingdom are London, Edinburgh, Cardiff and Belfast.
- Some cities have grown because of the industries and work that happen in them like Sheffield, Birmingham and Liverpool.
- Some of the main UK landmarks include Big Ben, Edinburgh Castle, Stonehenge and Hadrian's Wall.

Physical Features:

- The four tallest mountains in the United Kingdom are Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike, Mount Snowdon and Slieve Donard.
- There are several key rivers in the UK including the Thames, the Severn, the Trent and the Mersey.
- 13% of land in the United Kingdom is forests.

United Kingdom Map:



Geographical Skills:

- Identify the United Kingdom and its countries using maps.
- Use simple compass directions to describe the location of each country.