

Prior knowledge:

The U.K. stands for The United Kingdom. There are 4 countries in the United Kingdom, England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Each have a capital city. Halesowen is in the United Kingdom, in England.

Books, texts, primary and secondary sources you may use:

- Collins First Atlas
- National anthems for the countries in the UK
- Flags of the UK

Suggested family experience — Cut up a map of the United Kingdom and put it back together like a jigsaw.

National Curriculum:

Locational knowledge:

- Name, locate and identify the characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas.

Geographical skills and fieldwork:

- Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries, as well as the countries, continents and oceans studied at this key stage.

Vocabulary you will use:

Word	Definition
capital city	An important city in a country
city	A large town
England	Country in the United Kingdom
flag	A picture that is different for each country
Halesowen	A town in England. The nearest town to Lutley
language	How we talk or write using words
monarchy	The royal family of a country
national emblem	The symbol for a country
Northern Ireland	Country in the United Kingdom
population	Number of people who live in a place
Scotland	Country in the United Kingdom.
United Kingdom	Made up of four countries England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland
Wales	Country in the United Kingdom
Sea	Area of salt water surrounding land
cliff	Steep or vertical face of rock next to the sea
beach	Pebbly or sandy shore next to the sea
Mountain	Large raised section of the Earth's surface

Quick Summary

Click [here](#) or scan the QR code to watch a video on the United Kingdom.



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Questions we'll ask you throughout the unit to check your knowledge and understanding

Can you name the 4 countries in the United Kingdom?

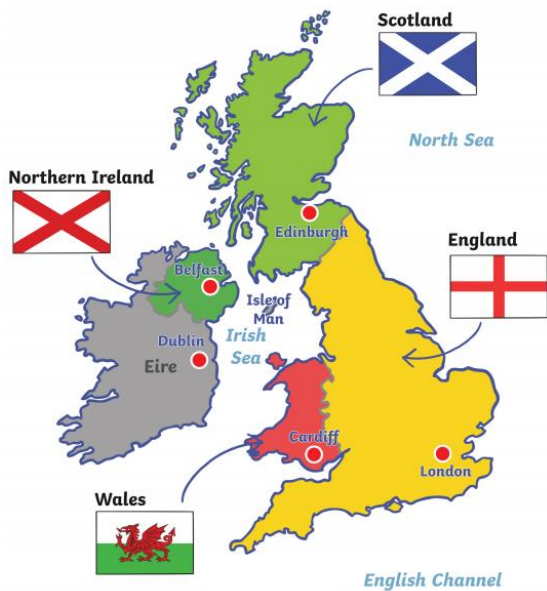
Can you name the capital cities of the countries in the United Kingdom?

Can you plot a country and city from in United Kingdom on a map?

Where is Halesowen in the United Kingdom?

Can you name and locate the seas surrounding the UK?

The United Kingdom (U.K.)



The United Kingdom (UK) is made up of four countries:

- England,
- Wales,
- Scotland
- Northern Ireland.

The United Kingdom is part of the continent Europe.

The UK has a monarchy and a democratic government. The queen is Queen Elizabeth II and first in line to the throne is her eldest son, Prince Charles.



The flag of the United Kingdom is called the Union Flag and is red, white and blue. When flown at sea, the flag is known as the Union Jack.



England



Its flag is the St George's cross which is named after its patron saint, St George.

Human Features

People from England are known as English.

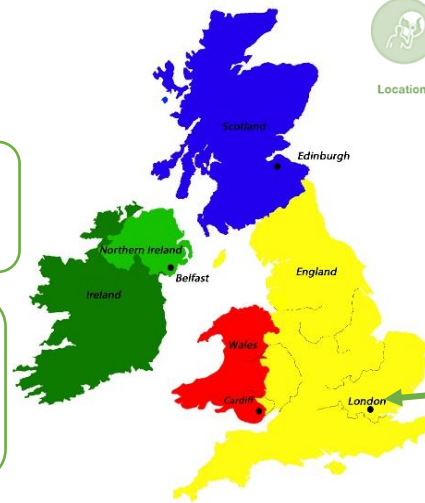
The official language is English.

England is the largest of the four countries of the United Kingdom (UK). It has a population of around 55.5 million people.

Physical Features

Seas – North Sea, English Channel and Irish Sea

Longest River – Thames
Largest Lake – Windermere
Highest Mountain – Scarfell Pyke



The capital city is London.

Scotland



The national flag is the Saltire or St Andrew's Cross, named after its patron saint, St Andrew.

Human Features

It has a population of 5.5 million people.

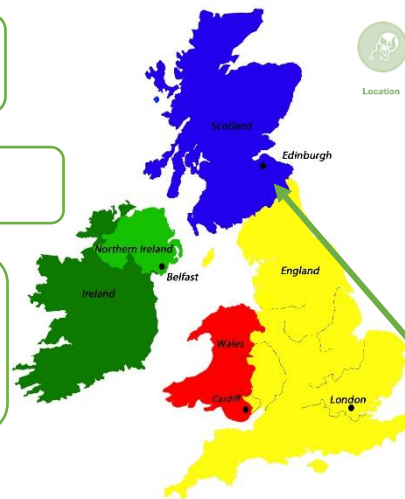
People from Scotland are known as Scottish.

The official language is English but with its own distinct dialect or accent.

Physical Features

Seas – North Sea

Longest River – Tay
Largest Lake – Loch Lomond
Highest Mountain – Ben Nevis



The capital city is Edinburgh.

Wales



The national flag is the Red Dragon and the Patron Saint is St David.

Human Features

People from Wales are known as Welsh.

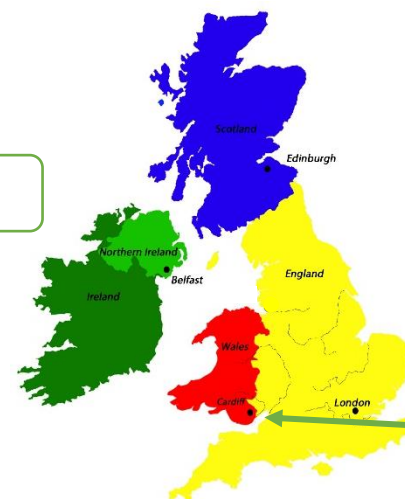
It has a population of 3 million people.

The main language is English, some people also speak or understand the Welsh language.

Physical Features

Seas – Irish Sea, Celtic Sea

Longest River – River Tywi
Largest Lake – Llyn Tegid
Highest Mountain – Snowdon



Its capital city is Cardiff.

Northern Ireland



The official national flag is the Union Flag of the UK and its patron saint is St Patrick.

Human Features

It has a population of just under 2 million.

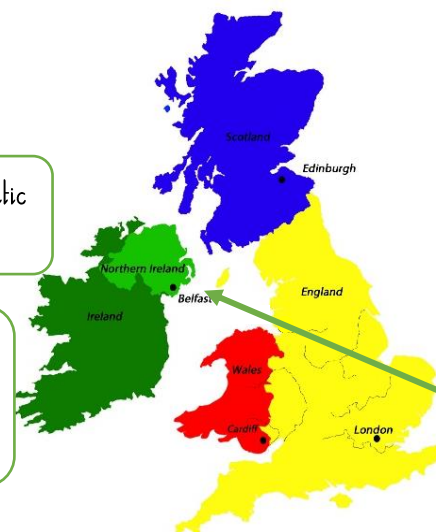
People from Northern Ireland are known as Northern Irish people.

The official language is English but some people also speak and/or understand the Gaelic language.

Physical Features

Seas – Irish Sea, Celtic Sea, Atlantic Ocean

Longest River – River Foyle
Largest Lake – Loch Neathach
Highest Mountain – Slieve Donard



Its capital city is Belfast.