



St White's Primary School - Geography



Year 1 and 2

Topic: four countries of the UK

What should I already know?

- The **country** I live in is called England.
- I live in or near Cinderford, which is a town in England.

The United Kingdom (UK)

- There are four countries in the **United Kingdom** (UK): England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- Each of these countries has a **capital city** and a **flag**.
- The UK is an **island**—it is **surrounded** by seas: the Irish Sea, the North Sea and the English Channel
- The Republic of Ireland is not a country of the United Kingdom.

The four countries of the UK

England: 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.

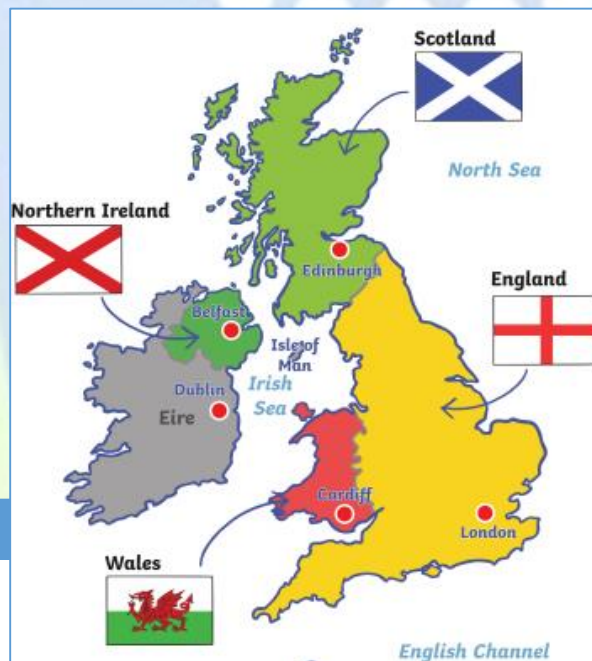
Northern Ireland: the smallest country in the UK. Belfast is the capital city. One of the most famous landmarks is Giant's Causeway (natural rock steps mostly hexagonal in shape).

Scotland: 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: 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.

Geography

Geographers study places and people.



Country	Capital City	Flag
England	London	
Scotland	Edinburgh	
Wales	Cardiff	
Northern Ireland	Belfast	

Technical vocabulary

town	a place where people live and work. It is bigger than a village but smaller than a city.
countryside	land that is not in towns or cities. The countryside has lots of farmland and often has woodland.
village	a small group of houses, perhaps with a few shops, that are often in the countryside.
country	an area of land with its own government, rules and borders.
UK	the United Kingdom. It is made up of four countries: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
island	an area of land surrounded by water.
city	a large town. London is a city.
capital city	the city where the government sits. London is the capital city of England and the UK.
compass point	any of the main points of a compass: north, south, east and west
flag	a piece of cloth which can be attached to a pole and which is used as symbol of a particular country
human geography	features of land that have been impacted by human activity
physical geography	natural features of land
sea	large area of salty water that is part of an ocean
surrounded	to be present all around
landmark	A feature of a landscape or place that is easily recognised. It could be something made by people (a human feature) or something that occurred naturally (a physical feature).
population	how many people live in one particular place

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork

- Find the four countries of the United Kingdom using map skills
- Compare the human and physical geographical features of the four countries saying how they are similar and different.
- Use the compass points to describe the countries of the United Kingdom in relation to each other