

Most Populous UK counties (people)

Greater London – 8.8 million
West Midlands – 2.9 million
Greater Manchester – 2.8 million
West Yorkshire – 2.3 million
Essex – 1.8 million

Highest Mountain Ben Nevis 1345m

Longest River River Severn 354km

Most populous UK cities (people)

London – 9.75 million
Birmingham – 2.5 million
Manchester – 1.9 million
Glasgow – 1.1 million
Newcastle – 837,500



Key Vocabulary

United Kingdom (UK) - The United Kingdom, made up of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, is an island nation in northwestern Europe.

Great Britain - an island separated from the European mainland by the English Channel and North Sea. It is made up of the nations of England, Scotland and Wales.

Capital City - The city where a country's parliament meets and where the country is run from.

Country - An area of land that has its own government and laws.

County - Areas within countries. For example, Norfolk and Suffolk.

City - A large town. A town can only become a city if the ruling monarch (our queen) awards it City Status.

Town - An area where people live and work. There will be shops, restaurants and supermarkets.

Physical features - Naturally occurring features on earth such as mountains.

Human features - Things humans have made such as houses.

Legend (on a map) - The part of a map that explains what the pictures, symbols and colours mean.

Highlands - An area of higher land or areas of mountains.

Prime Meridian - An imaginary line which divides the world into Eastern and Western Hemispheres.

Greenwich Meridian - Another name for Prime Meridian - because it runs through the Royal Observatory in Greenwich, London.

Population - The people who live in a particular place.

Suburbs - The outskirts of a city. Many people choose to live in the suburbs.

Latitude - The distance something is North or South of the equator. It is measured in degrees.

Longitude - The distance something is East or West of the equator also measured in degrees.

Coordinates - The two measurements from latitude and longitude give precise coordinates of where something is.

Economy: the wealth and resources of a place

Development: how places and communities change

Industry: the production of goods (such as cars) or services (such as tourism or entertainment)

Sustainable development: change that respects the natural environment and doesn't harm future generations

Key Questions

What is unique about each of the UK countries?
Where do people live in the UK?
What are the main physical features of the UK?
How do human activities affect the UK's landscape?
What work do people in the UK do?
How can the UK manage its energy needs?

Key Facts

- The United Kingdom is made up of four countries, England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- There are 70 cities in the UK.
- The population of the UK is 66.4 million.
- The countries that make up the UK have their own laws and ways of doing things.
- The ruler of The UK is Queen Elizabeth 2nd. She has been queen since 1952.
- The Prime Minister is Boris Johnson.
- There are 15 National Parks in the United Kingdom.
- The UK is current split into 100 geographic counties – 48 in England, 33 in Scotland, 13 in Wales

The United Kingdom Year 5



Prior knowledge which links into what we will be learning...

- Y1**—weather patterns, physical and human features (The World)
- Y2**—locating capital cities and surrounding seas. Contrasting European countries with the UK
- Y3**—Physical and human features of an area, grid references
- Y4**—Name and locate countries in Europe, physical similarities of counties.