

Geography Knowledge Organiser

The United Kingdom

Yr 1

Main Foci: Locational Knowledge / Human and Physical Geography

What should I already know?

- The **country** I live in is called **England**.
- I go to school in Oundle, which is a **town** in **England**.

What will I know by the end of the unit?

- Great Cornard is a **village** in **England**.
- **England** is a **country**.
- There are four **countries** in the **United Kingdom (UK)**:
 - **England**
 - **Scotland**
 - **Wales**
 - **Northern Ireland**
- Each of these **countries** has a **capital city** and **flag**.

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

- The **UK**, is officially known as the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- The **UK** includes the island of **Great Britain**, Northern Ireland and many smaller islands
- **Great Britain** is an **island**—it is **surrounded** by seas:
 - Irish Sea
 - North Sea
 - English Channel
- The Republic of Ireland is not a **country** of the **United Kingdom**.

Diagrams



Vocabulary


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| capital city | the city where the government sits. London is the capital city of England and the UK . |
| city | a large town. London is a city. |
| compass point | any of the main points of a compass: north, south, east and west |
| country | an area of land that is controlled by its own government. The edge of a country is called a border. |
| England | a country in the United Kingdom . Oundle is a town in England . |
| 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 |
| island | a piece of land that is completely surrounded by water |
| Great Britain | An island that is made up of England , Scotland and Wales . |
| London | London is the capital city of England and the UK . |
| physical geography | natural features of land |
| sea | a large area of salty water that is part of an ocean |
| surrounded | to be present all around |
| town | Bigger than a village (more people, shops and schools) but smaller than a city. |
| United Kingdom | The UK , is officially known as the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It includes England , Scotland , Wales and Northern Ireland . |
| village | a small group of houses, perhaps with a few shops, that are often in the countryside. |

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 Google Earth to start at school and zoom out. What do you notice?
- Use the **compass points** to describe the **countries** of the **United Kingdom** in relation to each other.

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| Question 1: Here is a map of the UK. Label the countries with their names; England, Scotland Northern Ireland and Wales. | Start of unit: | End of unit: |
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| Question 2: Tick the three countries that are in Great Britain. | Start of unit: | End of unit: |
| England | | |
| Scotland | | |
| Wales | | |
| Ireland | | |

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| Question 3: Which of these is not a capital city? | Start of unit: | End of unit: |
| Sudbury | | |
| London | | |
| Belfast | | |
| Cardiff | | |

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| Question 4: Which one word belongs in the gaps: The English Channel, the Irish_____and the North_____all surround the United Kingdom. | Start of unit: | End of unit: |
| Flag | | |
| Sea | | |
| Country | | |
| Village | | |

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| Question 5: Match the capital cities to their countries: | Start of unit: | End of unit: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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