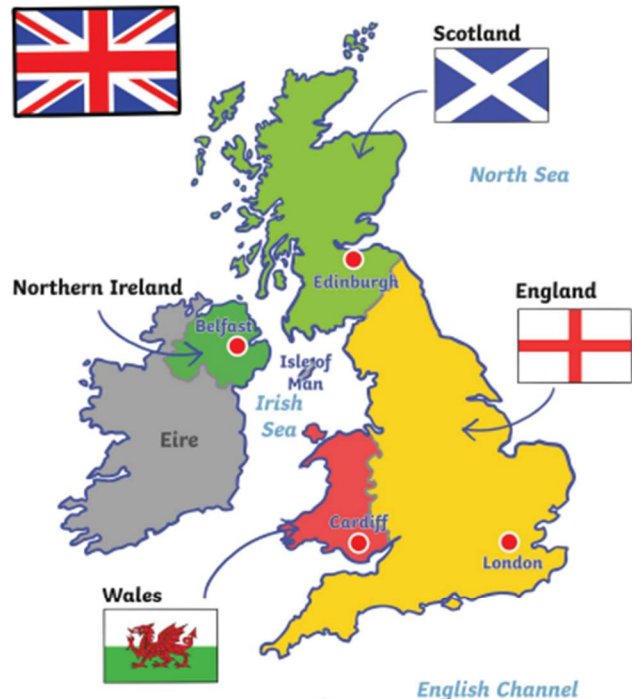


The United Kingdom

The United Kingdom is made up of Northern Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales.



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How can I navigate the world?



Continents

There are seven **continents**: Africa, Antarctica, Asia, **Australasia**, Europe, North America and South America. Some **continents** have many countries, others do not.

World Oceans

There are five **oceans** in the world: the Arctic Ocean, the Atlantic Ocean, the Indian Ocean, the Pacific Ocean and the Southern Ocean.

Key Vocabulary

continent	A very large area of land that includes all the islands with it.
ocean	A large area of sea.
country	An area of land with its own government, rules and borders.

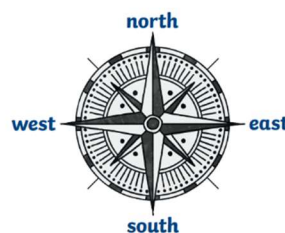
Countries in the United Kingdom

England: England is 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.

Scotland: Scotland is 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**.

Northern Ireland: Northern Ireland is 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).

Wales: Wales is 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.



The Compass

A **compass** has four main **directions**, which are north, east, south and west. Part of the **compass** (the needle) will always point north. You then have to work out which **direction** you are facing depending on where north is.

Key Vocabulary

sketch map	A simple map with only basic details.
key	Helps us understand map symbols. Also known as a legend.
compass rose	This is printed on a map to show different directions.
map symbol	A picture or a sign on a map that represents something else.
Ordnance Survey	A survey organisation in the UK which prepares very detailed maps of the country.
route	A way of getting from a start point to a finish point.
compass	A tool which shows people which direction they are travelling in and helps them find their way.
climate	The usual weather conditions of an area.

What Is a Map?

A map is a drawing of an actual place that uses lines and **symbols** to represent real-life objects. People have used maps for hundreds of years to help them travel from place to place.












Types of Maps

There are many different types of maps, such as:

- Sketch maps**
- Road maps
- Ordnance Survey** maps
- Climate** maps

Key Features

Key features of maps include: a title, a **compass rose**, **symbols**, a **key** and different colours for important things, such as green for forests and blue for rivers.

 Woodland	 River
 Moor Land	 Viewpoint
 Lake	 Castle
 Contour Line	 Church
 Road	 Water Fowl
 Woodland Boundary	

Compass Directions

People use a **compass** to help them position and use a map accurately. The main points of a **compass** are north, south, east and west.



Planning a Route

When planning a journey using a map, people think about the quickest or safest **route**.

