

Key Vocabulary

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| town | A town is a place where people live and work. There may be shops, places of worship, leisure facilities and schools there. It is bigger than a village but smaller than a city. |
| countryside | Land that is not in towns or cities. Sometimes there are small settlements (like hamlets and villages) there. The countryside has lots of farmland and often has woodland. |
| UK | The United Kingdom. It is made up of four countries: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. |
| capital city | A town or city where the government sits. |
| landmark | A feature of a landscape or place that is easily recognised. Big Ben is a landmark in London. |

The UK

The **UK** is made up of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It is surrounded by the English Channel, the North Sea, the Irish Sea and the North Atlantic Ocean.

Countries in the United Kingdom

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| 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 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 Capital City of the UK

London is a very busy and built-up city with lots of important buildings.

There are lots of different ways of travelling around London. There are trainstations, the London Underground (sometimes called the 'tube') and buses.

London has lots of famous **landmarks**.

These include the London Eye, Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Tower Bridge and Westminster Abbey.

While there are lots of buildings, London also has lots of green spaces in its parks, including Hyde Park and Regents Park.

The King lives at Buckingham Palace.



