



St White's Primary School - Geography



Year 1 and 2

What are the 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.

What is the difference between a town and the countryside?

- Towns are places where people live and work.
- Towns are busier than the countryside.
- The countryside is land that is not in towns or cities.
- Most villages can be found in the countryside, often surrounded by farmland.

What is the 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

What are the four countries of the UK and their capital cities?

England: the largest country in the UK.

London is the capital city.

Northern Ireland: the smallest country in the UK. **Belfast** is the capital city.

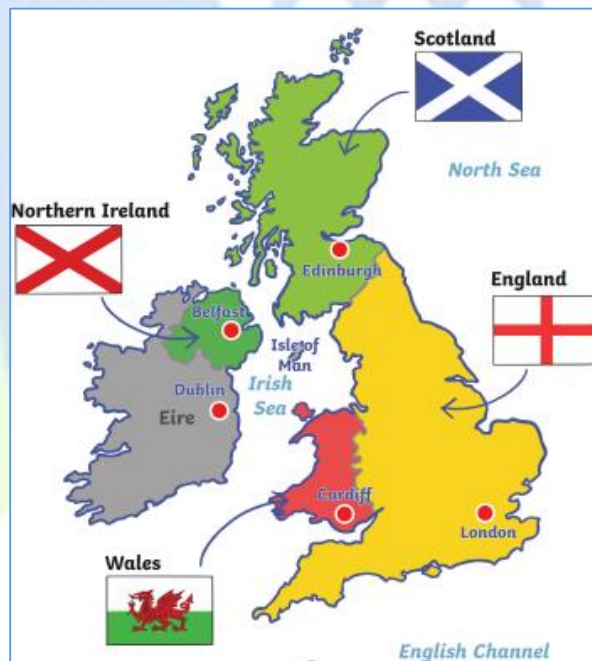
Scotland: a country in the north of the UK.

Edinburgh is the capital city.

Wales: a mountainous country in the west of the UK. **Cardiff** is the capital city.

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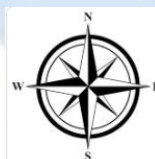


Technical vocabulary

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.
UK	the United Kingdom. It is made up of four countries: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
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	A special tool that helps you know which direction you are facing.
compass point	any of the main points of a compass: north, south, east and west
human features	things that are built by humans such as roads, bridges and buildings.
physical features	natural features such as water, mountains, and deserts

What is a compass?

- A compass is a special tool that helps you to know which direction you are facing.
- The four compass points are:
 - North
 - East
 - South
 - West



What are some key physical and human features of the UK?

Some key physical features of the UK are:

River Severn, England
Ben Nevis, Scotland
Mount Snowdon, Wales
Giant's Causeway, Northern Ireland

Some key human features of the UK are:

Buckingham Palace, England
Titanic Museum, Northern Ireland
Forth Bridge, Scotland
Cardiff Castle, Wales