

### 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.

**Migrants** - The movement of people from one permanent home to another.

**Immigration** - The movement of people into a country.

**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.

**Equator** - An imaginary line around the centre of the earth. The closer to the equator you are the warmer the weather.

**Northern Hemisphere** - The half of the earth that is north of the equator

**Southern Hemisphere** - The half of the earth that is south of the equator

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, also known as the UK, is a country located off the north-eastern coast of mainland Europe.

It contains the constituent countries of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, in addition to other territories and dependencies.

The capital city of England is London, Scotland is Edinburgh, Wales is Cardiff and Northern Ireland is Belfast. London is the capital of the UK.

The land area of the UK is around 242,500km<sup>2</sup> and the population is around 66 million. It is in the continent of Europe.

#### Key Facts

- The United Kingdom is made up of four countries, England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- There are 66 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

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