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United Kingdom: Countries and capital cities

The United Kingdom is made up of 4 countries.

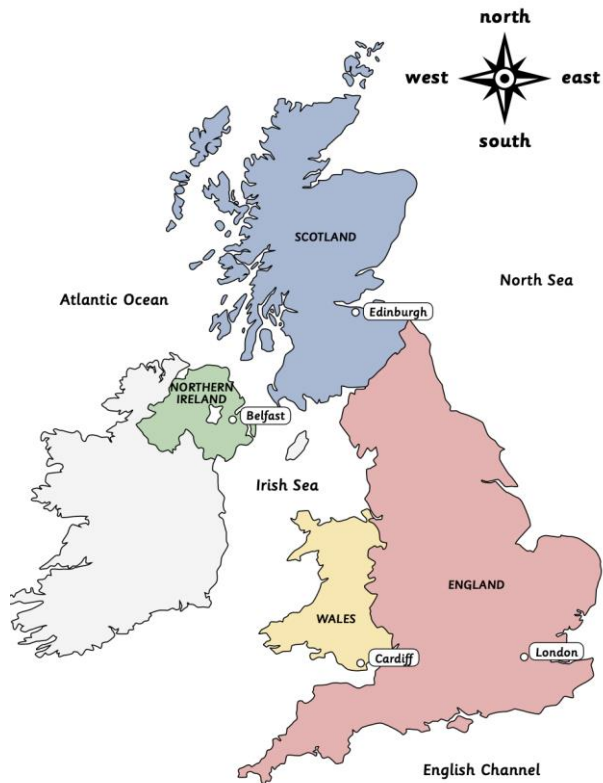
The **capital cities** of each country are:

England - London

Scotland - Edinburgh

Wales - Cardiff

Northern Ireland - Belfast



We live in the capital city of England: London.

Seasons in the UK

The UK has **four seasons**. These are spring, summer, autumn and winter. The weather can be very warm and sunny in the summer. In the winter, the weather can be cold and snowy. There can also be lots of rain all year round.



autumn



winter



spring



summer

London

London is the **capital city** of the United Kingdom and England. It is the largest city in the UK. Over 8 million people live in London. The **River Thames** is the main river that runs through the city.



Life in a city

A city is a **large, busy** settlement where lots of people live and work. A city usually has a cathedral, a river, important buildings and offices where people work. There are lots of things to do and see in a city. There are many shops, restaurants, museums and **landmarks** to visit.



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Landmarks

A landmark is a feature, such as a building, that can be seen from far away. A landmark can help you to describe your location. London has many famous landmarks.



Houses of Parliament



Tower Bridge



Royal Albert Hall



London Eye



St Paul's Cathedral



The Gherkin

Queen Elizabeth II

Elizabeth II is the Queen of the United Kingdom. She was born in 1926 and became queen in 1952. The Queen is very important and known across the World. She visits charities and schools in the United Kingdom and welcomes world leaders and important visitors to Buckingham Palace.



Key Vocabulary

capital city – a city that is home to the government and ruler of a country

cathedral – a large, important church

city – a large town, often with a cathedral

country – a large area of land that has its own government

landmark – a feature such as a building or statue which can be seen from far away

countryside – an area used for farming or left to its physical features. Fewer people live there.

flag – a piece of cloth used as a symbol of a country or a group.

key – a list of symbols on a map

monarch – a King or Queen

Human and Physical Features

Human and physical features are things that you can see all around you. Physical features like seas, mountains and rivers are natural (physical). Human features like houses, roads and bridges are things that have been built by people.



physical



physical



human



human