

Year 2 - United Kingdom (UK) and its four countries

Key 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 woodland.

Country - an area of land with its own Government, rules and borders

UK - United Kingdom. It is made up of four countries; England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland

Island - an area surrounded by water

Capital City - a town or city where the Government sits

Population - how many people live in one particular place

Aerial photo - an image taken from a birds eye view.

Postcode - a series of numbers and letters used by the post office to help find an address

The United Kingdom

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





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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.