



The United Kingdom



Map and Overview



-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.



Vocabulary

cartographer	somebody who draws and produces maps
city	a large town. London is a city.
coastal	an area of land close to the sea
compass points	any of the main points of a compass: north, south, east, west, north-east, north-west, south-east, south-west
country	an area of land that is controlled by its own government.
county	a region of Britain or Ireland which has its own local government
human features	features of land that have been impacted by human activity
landmark	a building or feature which is easily recognised
landscape	everything you can see when you look across an area of land, including hills, rivers, buildings, trees, and plants.
physical features	natural features of land
population	all the people who live in a country or area
rural	places that are far away from large towns or cities
topographical	the physical features of an area of land, for example its hills, valleys, and rivers
urban	belonging to, or relating to, a town or city

Places in the United Kingdom

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

The UK is current split into 100 geographic counties – 48 in England, 33 in Scotland, 13 in Wales and 6 in Northern Ireland.

Most populous UK cities (people)

- London – 9.75 million
- Birmingham – 2.5 million
- Manchester – 1.9 million
- Glasgow – 1.1 million
- Newcastle – 837,500

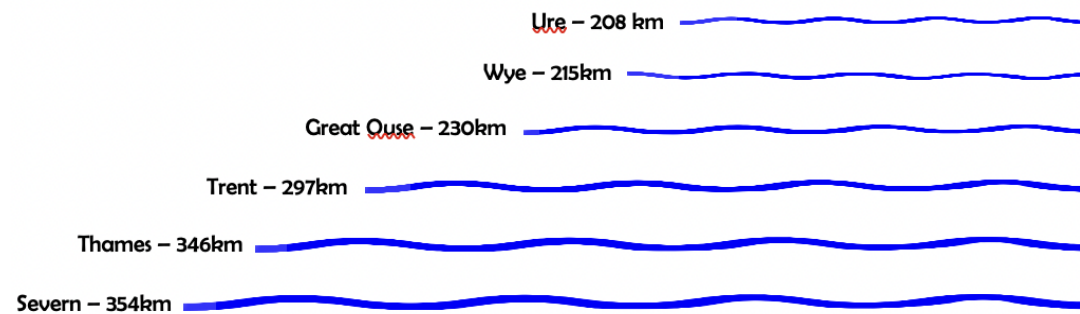
Characteristics of the UK

Human features	Physical Features
 Canterbury Cathedral	 Stonehenge
 Angel of the North	 Clifton Suspension Bridge
 Roman Baths	 Edinburgh Castle
 River Severn	 Ben Nevis
 Lake District	 White Cliffs of Dover
 Land's End	 The Needles

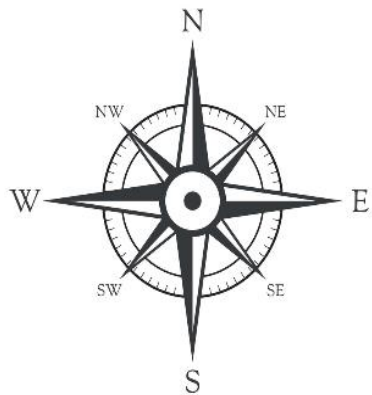
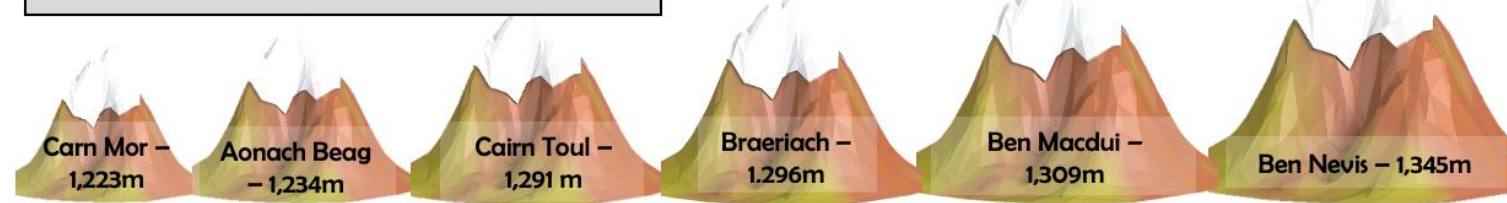
UK Counties Map



Longest Rivers



Highest Mountains



North, south, east and west are directions we use to navigate from one place to another. A compass contains a magnetic needle that indicates north.

