

Where's best? North, South, East or West? Vocabulary

United Kingdom

The four countries in the United Kingdom are England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. We live in the United Kingdom (UK) in the country of England.

World Map



The UK is bordered by:

- to the south by the English Channel,
- to the east by the North Sea,
- to the west by the Irish Sea,
- the Atlantic Ocean.

Country

Land that is controlled by a single government e.g. United Kingdom.

Capital

A city or town in a country that is usually the home to government.

Government

It refers to a group of people who run a country. In most cases these are elected.

Physical features

This looks at the natural environment of an area e.g. rivers, mountains, beaches. They are not man-made.

Human features

This looks at how people have changed an area e.g. towns, houses, schools. These are man made.





Capital cities

England: London,
Wales: Cardiff,
Scotland: Edinburgh,
Northern Ireland: Belfast.



Famous landmarks

Each capital city has its own famous landmarks.

London: London Eye, Buckingham Palace, Big Ben

Cardiff: Cardiff Bay, Principality Stadium

Edinburgh: Edinburgh Castle, Royal Yacht Britannia

Belfast: Titanic Belfast, Waterfront Hall



This is the flag for the United Kingdom. It is called the Union Jack or the Union Flag.



St George's
Cross
(England)



St Andrew's
Cross
(Scotland)



Flag of
Wales



St Patrick's
Saltire
(Northern
Ireland)

Vocabulary

River

A large flow of water, that crosses land, heading towards the sea or the ocean.

Lake

A large area of water, surrounded by land.

Sea

Seas are a large body of water that partly surrounds land. They are smaller than oceans.

Mountain

A mountain is a landform that rises high above its surroundings. Taller than a hill, it usually has steep slopes and a rounded or sharp peak.

City

a place in which people live and work that is larger than a town.

