

Year 3: The UK (regions)

Key Vocabulary

capital city	The city where the government (leaders) are based.
country	An area of land with its own borders and leaders.
Great Britain	England, Scotland and Wales.
landmark	A feature of the landscape that is easily recognised
UK	The United Kingdom is made up of four countries—England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
urban	A built up area such as a town or city

How can I read a map?

Four-figure grid references are four numbers used to pinpoint a particular location on a map. Numbered lines called eastings and northings are used to pinpoint a square section on a map.



What are the countries of the UK?

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is an island country in Europe. It is made up of four smaller countries: **England**, **Northern Ireland**, **Scotland** and **Wales**. Each country has a capital city.



Regions

England is split up into smaller sections called **regions**. Each of these regions contains counties, cities, towns and villages .



Counties

Counties are areas of land made up of countryside and different settlements.



What are the key features of the UK?

Human features

Glenfinnan Viaduct, Inverness-shire, Scotland

Wales Millennium Centre, Cardiff, Wales

Titanic Belfast, Belfast, Northern Ireland

Stonehenge, Wiltshire, England

Physical features

The Giant's Causeway is an amazing rock formation on the coastline.

The Northern Highlands and the Grampian Mountains are the mountain ranges in Scotland.

Snowdonia National Park & the Cambrian Mountains are mountain ranges in Wales.

The cliffs on the coastline are famous here. They are called the White Cliffs of Dover.

