

Topic: Compare UK and Antarctica

Year: Two

Theme: Place knowledge

Important facts

United Kingdom

Human features

- Villages, towns and cities have houses, shops, offices, factories and farms.
- Harbours and ports can be found by the sea.

Physical features

- The physical geography of the UK varies greatly.
- England is mostly lowland but there are mountainous areas to the north.
- The climate is temperate.
- Forests, rivers and lakes can be found across the UK.
- Beaches and cliffs can be found along the coast line.

Antarctica

Human features

- Antarctica is a polar region around the south pole.
- Only scientists stay there in research centres.

Physical features

- Antarctica is the coldest continent on the earth.
- The Antarctic covers the continent of Antarctica and some ice shelves and islands in the Southern Ocean.
- Some types of flowering plants like Antarctic hair grass and mosses can grow there.

Key Vocabulary

Antarctica

Earth's fifth largest continent.

capital city

The city where the government sits. London is the capital city of England and the UK.

continent

A very large area of land that consists of many countries. Europe is a continent.

country

An area of land that is controlled by its own government.

human features

Features of land that have been impacted by human activity.

landscape

Everything you can see when you look across an area of land, including hills, rivers, buildings, trees and plants.

North Pole

The northernmost point on the planet.

physical features

Natural features of land.

Polar region

Area around the North Pole or the South Pole.

seasons

Main periods of the year that can have their own weather conditions.

South Pole

Main periods of the southernmost point on earth.

temperate

A region or climate with mild temperatures.

vegetation

Plants, trees and flowers.

The Antarctic is a polar region, around the South Pole.

Can you spot any physical features of the UK?

