

Important facts

- The world is made up of 7 continents which contain many countries.
- The United Kingdom is a nation within the continent Europe.
- Each country of the UK has it's own capital city:
 - England (London)
 - Scotland (Edinburgh)
 - Wales (Cardiff)
 - Northern Ireland (Belfast)
- Invaders such as the Saxons and the Romans settled in regions of the UK.
- England has the biggest population in the UK.
- The UK is divided into regions. Within these regions are different counties.
- Within counties are villages, towns and cities. The biggest cities in the UK are: London, Birmingham, Leeds, Glasgow and Manchester. (London is the biggest city in Europe)
- Physical features of the England include: The River Thames, The white cliffs of Dover and Land's end.
- Other physical features of the UK include: The Giant's Causeway (Northern Ireland), Ben Nevis (Scotland) and Snowdon (Wales)



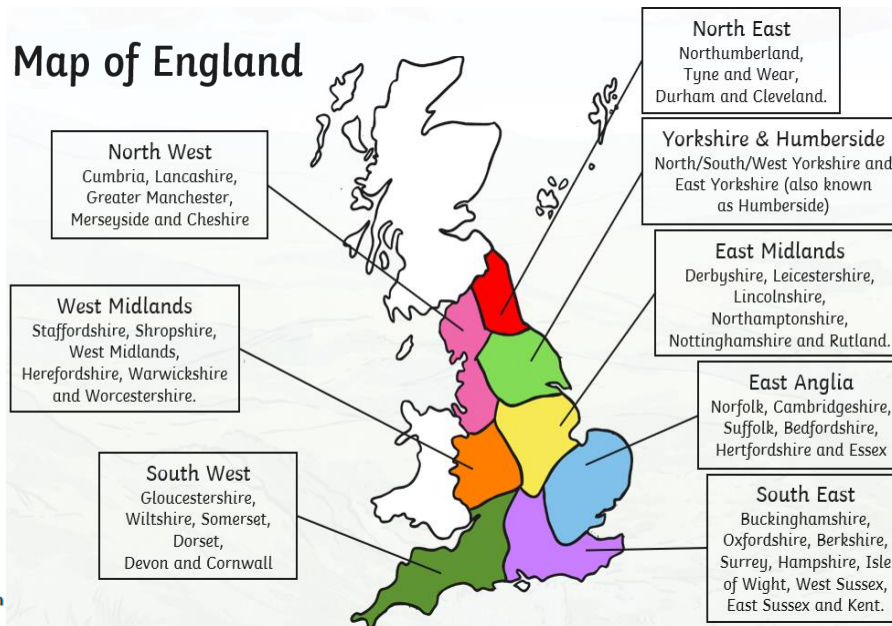
Key Vocabulary

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 the compass e.g. north, south-east, etc.
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 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.
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.

Largest cities of the UK (by population)*

City Region	Approximate population
Greater London	8,674,000
West Midlands	2,834,000
Greater	2,756,000
West Yorkshire	2,282,000
North East	1,957,000
Glasgow	1,804,000
Liverpool	1,525,000
Cardiff	1,505,000
Sheffield	1,375,000
Edinburgh	1,350,000

Map of England



The River Sever is the longest river in the UK. It is 220 miles long.