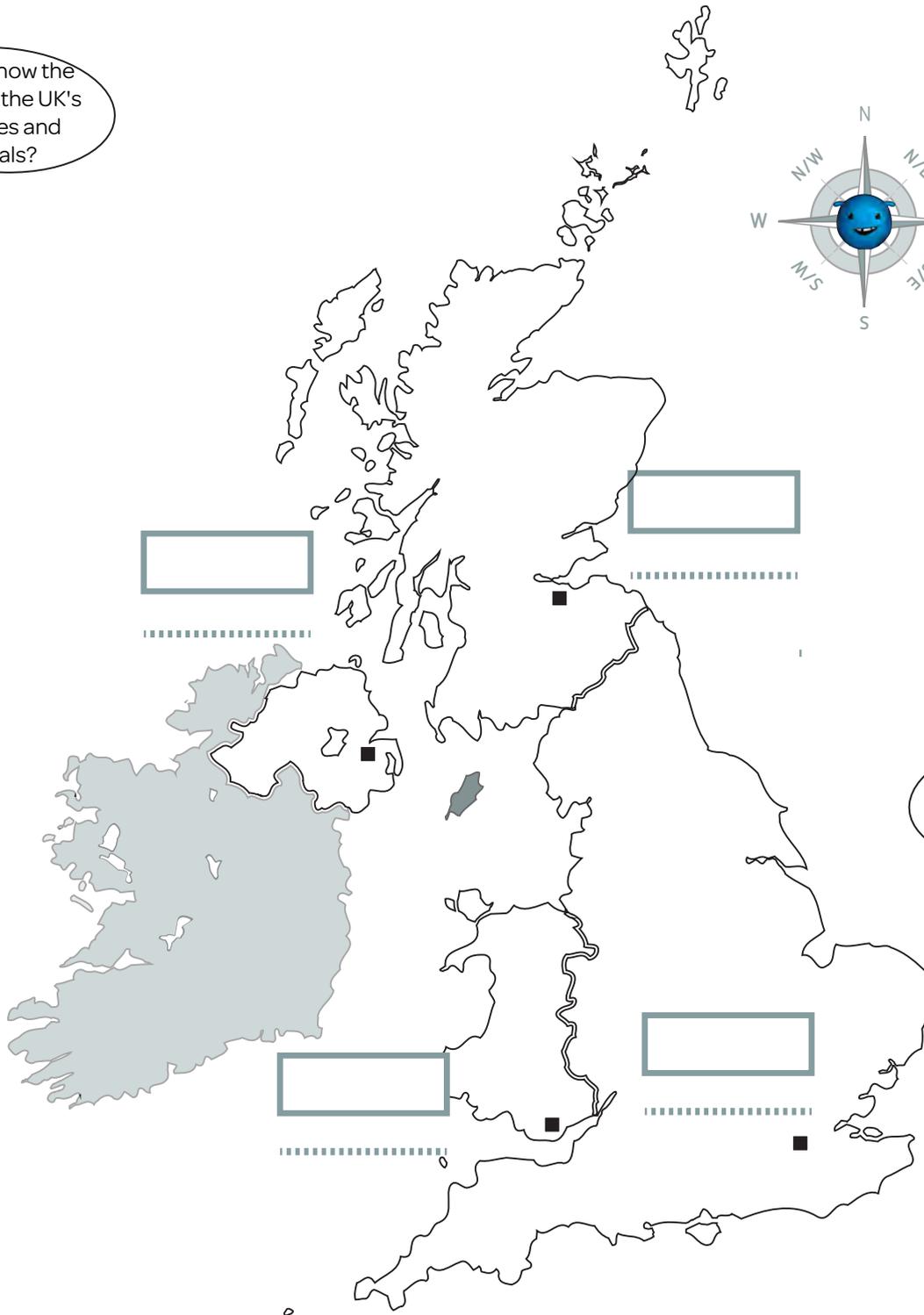
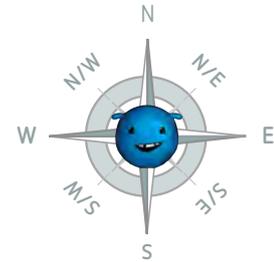


UK Countries and Capitals

Do you know the names of the UK's countries and capitals?



1. Can you label the four countries and capital cities of the UK on the map?
2. Where do you live? If you're based in the UK, add an extra label to show this too.

Extend it!

What are each of the four countries of the UK famous for? Can you name a place or person linked to each?



Name Scotland's physical and human features



St Andrews Links



Ben Nevis



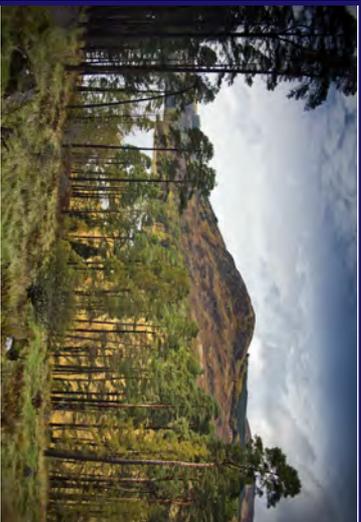
Forth Railway Bridge



Loch Ness



Balmoral Castle



Galloway



North Sea Oil Field



Old Man of Hoy

Bridge
Castle

Forest
Golf course

Lake
Mountain

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Scotland - human or physical features?



Cut along the dotted lines. Sort the pictures into human and physical features.



Golf course

St Andrews Links



Mountain

Ben Nevis



Bridge

Forth Railway Bridge



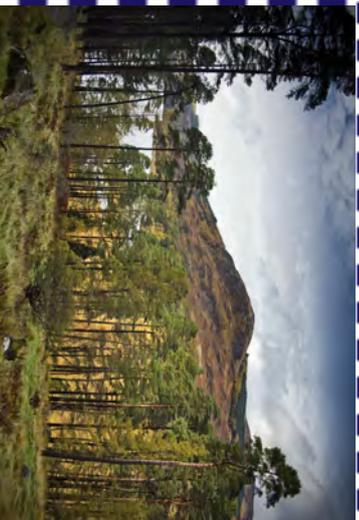
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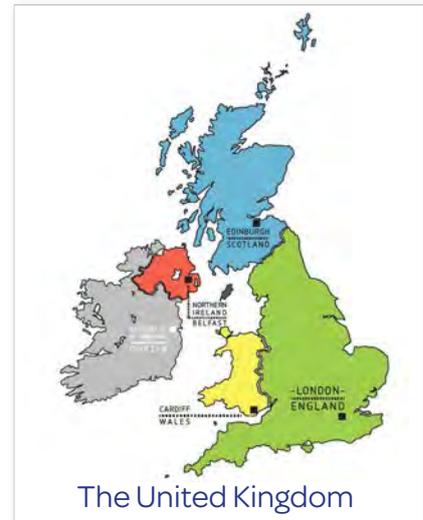
Physical Features



The United Kingdom is a country in Europe.

People call it 'the UK' for short.

There are four smaller countries inside the UK: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.



Buckingham Palace

Each of these smaller countries has its own flag and capital city.

The capital of England is London. This is where the Queen lives.



Edinburgh Castle

The capital of Scotland is Edinburgh.

Edinburgh Castle is built on a big rock. It is called Castle Rock.



Ben Nevis

There are many cities, towns and villages in the UK.

The highest mountain in the UK is Ben Nevis. It is in Scotland.

Key words:

capital

castle

cities

countries

villages

Guided Reading – The UK Discussion Sheet

Before Reading – Prediction activity

Ask your students these questions before and after reading the text. Have students skim the text to help with prediction before reading.

Statement	Before	Reading	After	Reading
	Yes	No	Yes	No
A. The United Kingdom is a country.				
B. The Queen lives in England.				
C. There are only cities in the United Kingdom.				
D. There are castles in the United Kingdom.				

During Reading – Help with pronunciation, understanding and decoding.

After Reading – Have students complete the following activities on an erasable white board or on a blank sheet of paper. Students should share responses after each question. You can document responses below.

1. Name one country in the United Kingdom.
2. What is the capital of England?
3. Write a new word you have learned in this text. (Check spelling)
4. Name one physical feature found in the United Kingdom.

Notes:

THE UNITED KINGDOM

Finish the sentences.

1. The United Kingdom is a country in _____.
2. The highest mountain in the UK is _____.

Tick the answer.

3. How many countries are there in the UK?

4

8

2

1

4. The capital of England is...

Paris

London

Leeds

Edinburgh

Answer the question below.

5. Why do you think Edinburgh Castle is built on a big rock?

Tell Odd one thing you know about the United Kingdom.





THE UNITED KINGDOM

1. Draw lines to fix the broken sentences.

The United Kingdom is called

big rock.

The capital of England is

the UK for short.

Edinburgh Castle is built on a

London.

2. Name the four countries inside the UK.

3. The capital letters and full stop are missing. Put them back in.

the capital of england is london

4. Choose a word from the box to finish the sentences.

capital villages countries Castle

Edinburgh _____ is built on a big rock.

There are many cities, towns and _____
in the UK.

UNITED KINGDOM



Where is the UK?

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is in northern Europe.

The UK is its shorter name!



The UK is in northern Europe

One country or four?

The United Kingdom is made up of four smaller countries:

- England
- Wales
- Scotland
- Northern Ireland

They each have their own football teams, flags and governments. The UK's Prime Minister is the person in charge. The Queen is the Head of State.



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II



Duart Castle, Isle of Mull, Scotland

Human features

The United Kingdom has many cities, including London and Edinburgh. They are home to cathedrals, shopping centres and parks.

There are also lots of smaller towns and villages across the country. The UK has many castles too.

Physical features

The UK has lots of green countryside, national parks, rivers and mountains.

Here are some of the most famous physical features: the South Downs, with its white cliffs, the Lake District and the Scottish Highlands.



Seven Sisters chalk cliffs, South Downs

Animals and birds

There are many types of wild animals in the UK. Bats, badgers, foxes, rabbits and river otters can all be found in England. In Scotland lives the red deer, it is a large mammal with huge antlers.

There are more than 500 different types of birds to spot in the UK. The robin, blackbird and magpie are all common birds.

There are even wild, green parrots in South London and Surrey!



Red deer

Many cultures

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Some people living in the UK follow cultural traditions, like wearing clothing, that are linked to their religion.

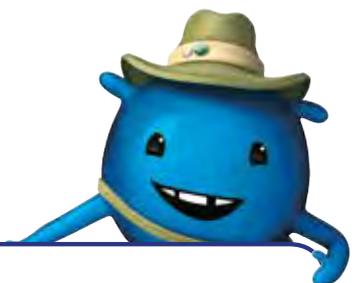
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Sikh men wear a turban as part of their faith



Key words:



castles

cathedrals

cities

countries

cultures

freedom

religion

speech

UNITED KINGDOM



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The UK is in northern Europe

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They each have their own football and rugby teams, flags, governments and school rules. The UK's Prime Minister is the person in charge. The Queen is the Head of State.



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The United Kingdom has many cities, including London, Canterbury and Edinburgh. They are home to grand cathedrals, busy shopping centres and large parks. There are also many thousands of smaller towns and villages across the country. The UK has historic castles too.

Physical features

The UK is well-known for its green countryside, national parks and mountains. These places are visited by millions of tourists each year.

You might have heard of some of the most famous: the South Downs, with its white cliffs, the Lake District, Snowdonia and the Scottish Highlands.



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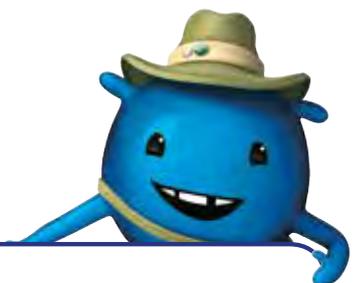


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tourists

Check Your Understanding – United Kingdom

1. Which sentences are true and which are false?
Tick the answer.

Sentence	True	False
The United Kingdom is known as 'the UK' for short.	✓	
David Cameron is Head of State.		
The English Channel is between the UK and France.		
Over 64 million people live in the UK.		
The robin is a rare bird in the UK.		

2. Name the four countries that make up the UK.

3. What does freedom of speech mean?

4. Which of these human features found in the UK is the oldest?
Tick the answer.

shopping centres

parks

cathedrals

castles

5. Draw an animal that lives in the UK.



- 6.



Tell me, Odd, one thing you have learned about the UK that you didn't know before.

Extension Activity: Imagine you are on holiday in the United Kingdom. Write a postcard to Odd and Izzi telling them all about the UK.

Vocabulary Builder – United Kingdom

1. Write the shorter name for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. _____

2. Find **two adjectives** used to describe any of the UK's physical features.
_____ & _____

3. Draw a line to link each key word to its definition.

Terms

Definitions

Cathedrals	A large settlement where lots of people live
City	The person in charge of the country
Prime Minister	Large, strong churches

4. Circle the **adjectives** and underline the **nouns** below.

- a) There are lots of small towns and big cities in the UK.
- b) The red deer is found in Scotland.

5. Choose two of the key words below and write a new sentence for each.

badgers countryside Queen parks

Word	Sentence
Example: Queen	The Queen lives in Buckingham Palace.

6. Make the sentence below more descriptive.

A robin is a bird. → _____

Explore Text Features



1. What type of text is this? How do you know?
Complete the sentences.

This is a(n) _____ text. I know

this because _____

2. What is the main title of the text?



3. Find a subtitle and copy it below.

4. How do the subtitles help you understand the text?
Subtitles help me understand the text because _____

5. Draw a new picture and write a caption for it.

6. Why are captions included generally below pictures?

7. Create your own key words! Choose five words
from the text that you think are very important.

Key words:



Five vertical lines for writing.

A square box for drawing or illustration.