

Year 2 UK Geography

Capital Cities of the UK

Key Learning

The United Kingdom is an island surrounded by seas: The **North Sea**, **The Irish Sea** and the **English Channel**.

Each of the 4 countries of the UK has a capital city

Country	Capital City	Characteristics of the country
England	London	Rolling hills and lowlands. Lots of rivers.
Northern Ireland	Belfast	Uplands and valleys. Lough Neagh—largest lake in the UK
Scotland	Edinburgh	High mountain ranges, rolling hills and lowlands.
Wales	Cardiff	Lots of mountains. One of the wettest places in Europe.

The capital city of England is **London**. London has lots of human features but also has some physical features too.



Human Features (made by humans)

E.g Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, Tower Bridge, The London Underground



Physical Features (not made by humans)

E.g The River Thames, trees

Cities are very busy places with lots to see and do. Map symbols show places people might like to visit.



Museum



Historical building



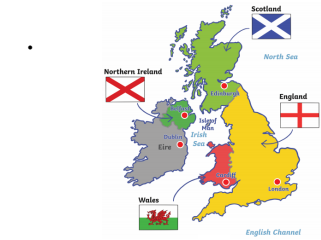
Tourist information



Place of worship



London



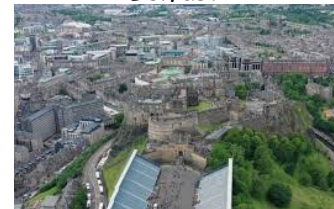
Famous landmarks in each of the capital cities can be seen from aerial view photographs.



Cardiff



Belfast



Edinburgh

Key Vocabulary

Landmark	An object or building that people recognise.
Museum	A place where objects that people might like to look at are kept. These could be old objects, scientific objects or pieces of art.
Historical building	An important, old building that people like to visit.
Tourist information	A place where tourists can go to find out information about a place. A tourist is a person who is visiting somewhere that they do not live.
Place of worship	A place where people come together to study religion or pray.
river	A stream of water flowing into a lake or the sea.
Capital City	The country's leaders usually live and work in the capital city. It is usually the biggest city in the country. The capital city of England is London.