

Year 2 – Capital Cities of the United Kingdom (Geography)

Vocabulary	Definitions
United Kingdom	An island made up of four countries: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.
Country	Land that is controlled by a single government.
Landmark	Features or structures that are easily recognised.
Capital City	The city where the government sits.
Sea	A large area of salty water that is part of an ocean.
Atlas	A book of maps or charts.
Globe	A model of the Earth.
Island	A piece of land completely surrounded by water.
Physical Feature	Anything that is on earth naturally.
Human Feature	Things that are made or built by humans.
Great Britain	Is made up of three countries: England, Scotland and Wales.
Government	A group of people who control a country.

Famous landmarks in London



Big Ben



The London Eye



Buckingham Palace

Countries of the United Kingdom



Key Knowledge

The UK includes the island of Great Britain, Northern Ireland and many smaller islands. There are four different countries in the United Kingdom: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

The capital city of England is London. The capital city of Northern Ireland is Belfast. The capital city of Scotland is Edinburgh. The capital city of Wales is Cardiff.

There are lots of key landmarks in capital cities. In London, you can find the London Eye, Buckingham Palace and Big Ben. In Edinburgh, you can see Edinburgh Castle. In Cardiff, you can see Cardiff Castle. In Belfast, you can find the Albert Clock. These particular landmarks are all human features.

There are four seas surrounding the United Kingdom. These are the North Sea, the Irish Sea, the English Channel and the Celtic Sea.

There are lots of physical features in the four capital cities in the United Kingdom. Some of these include: The River Thames which flows through London, Cardiff Bay in Cardiff, the River Lagan which flows through Belfast and Arthur's Seat in Edinburgh.

Key Skills

Follow a route on a map using directional language such as near/far, left/right and understand how to use a key.

Draw a map of a real or imaginary place e.g. add detail to a sketch map from aerial photo.

Use and construct basic symbols in a key.

Use maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its places, as well as countries, continents and oceans.

Identify and describe where capitals are in the UK.

Name, locate and identify the four countries within the United Kingdom.

Name, locate and identify the capital cities in the United Kingdom.

Identify characteristics of the countries and capital cities in the United Kingdom.

Name, locate and identify the surrounding seas of the United Kingdom.

Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key physical features.

Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to human features.

Recognise human and physical features in the UK.

Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK.

Flags



England



Northern Ireland



Wales



Scotland

Look inside London by Jonathan Melmoth

