



# The UK



The United Kingdom is made of 4 countries - England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The current monarch is Queen Elizabeth II

## Key Knowledge

England - The Capital city of England is London. The River Thames flows through London.

Buckingham Palace is the Queen's London residence.



Big Ben is the nickname for the Great Bell of the striking clock at the north end of the Palace of Westminster in London.



St Paul's Cathedral is one of the most famous and most recognisable sights of London.



Wales - The Capital city of Wales is Cardiff. Llandudno is a seaside resort in Wales. Anglesey is an island off the north-west coast of Wales. Newport is a city in south east Wales, on the River Usk close to the River Severn.

Caernarfon Castle is a medieval fortress in north-west Wales.



Millennium stadium (the Principality Stadium) is the national stadium of Wales, in Cardiff.



Menai Bridge is a suspension bridge between the island of Anglesey and the mainland of Wales.



Mount Snowdon (Yr Wyddfa) is the highest mountain in Wales, 1,085 metres above sea level,



Scotland - The Capital city of Scotland is Edinburgh.

Edinburgh Castle lies on Castle Rock, in Edinburgh.



Loch Ness is a large, deep, freshwater loch in the Scottish Highlands extending for 23 miles.



The Highlands has many mountain ranges and includes the highest mountain in the British Isles, Ben Nevis.



Northern Ireland - The Capital city is Belfast.

Titanic Belfast is a monument which tells the story of the Titanic, which hit an iceberg and sank during her first voyage in 1912.



Giant's Causeway is an area of about 40,000 interlocking basalt columns, the result of an ancient volcanic eruption.



## Key Vocabulary

bagpipes	A Scottish woodwind instrument.	
daffodil	The Welsh national flower.	
dulse	A red seaweed.	
fadge (potato cakes)	Irish potato cake.	
Irish stew	A meal made from lamb, potatoes and onion.	
The London Eye	An observation wheel on the South Bank of the River Thames in London.	
The Millennium Dome	A large <u>dome</u> -shaped building originally used to celebrate the beginning of the <u>third millennium</u> .	
Republic of Ireland	The capital city of the Republic of Ireland is Dublin.	
St David's Day	1 <sup>st</sup> March. A celebration of St David in Wales.	
St. Patrick's Day	17 <sup>th</sup> March. A celebration of St Patrick in Ireland.	
tartan	A Scottish patterned cloth.	
Tower Bridge	A bridge in London, built between 1886 and 1894.	
thistle	The national flower of Scotland.	
Welsh cakes	A Welsh teatime treat.	
soda bread	A quick bread eaten in Ireland.	

The UK is bordered by 4 seas: to the south is the English Channel, which separates it from continental Europe, to the east is the North Sea, to the west is the Irish Sea and to the west is the Atlantic Ocean.