

Physical features vs. Human features

Physical geography is the study of the Earth itself and how it works. This could include mountains, rivers, volcanoes, seasons, rocks, climate zones and weather.



Topography describes the physical features of an area of land (like mountains, rivers, lakes and valleys).



Human geography explores how humans affect the Earth. This can include population, tourism, culture, cities, buildings and economic development.

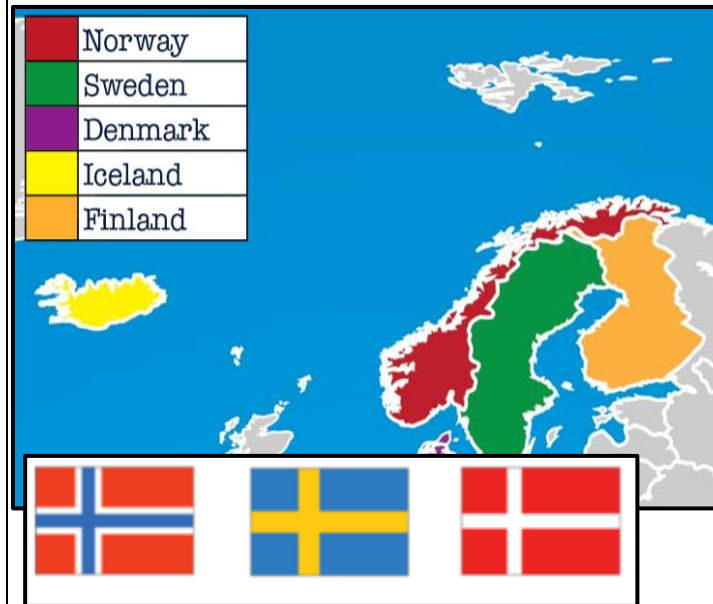
United Kingdom:

England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Scandinavia:

Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

Some people think that Iceland and Finland are part of **Scandinavia** because they are similar countries geographically and culturally, but this is not the case. Only **Norway, Sweden and Denmark** form Scandinavia. These five countries are, however, all **Nordic** countries, meaning they are from the north.

**Prior Learning**

What other countries have you learnt about?
Which Scandinavian country did Vikings come from?
When and where, were the first Viking raids on Britain?
Can you name the capital cities of any European countries?

Vocabulary Dozen

region	An area of a country or the world with specific physical characteristics.
climate	The usual weather conditions in an area.
fjord	A narrow inlet of the sea between cliffs or steep slopes.
glacier	A large area of thick ice that remains frozen but moves slowly.
precipice	A very steep side of a mountain or cliff.
economy	How money is made and used within a particular country or region.
settlement	A new place where people build a community.
immigration	The process of moving into a new country.
latitude	The distance north or south of the equator.
tundra	A large, barren region with no trees.
subarctic	Used to describe regions immediately outside of the arctic circle.
permafrost	A permanently frozen layer of the ground.

Ideas to think about...

What is the climate like in Scandinavia and how does this affect the lives of people who live there?

Why do parts of Scandinavia have no sunlight during parts of winter and no darkness during parts of summer?