





The United Kingdom

There are four countries in the United Kingdom:

Country	Capital City	Flag
England	London	
Scotland	Edinburgh	
Wales	Cardiff	
Northern Ireland	Belfast	

Each country has a capital city and flag.

The UK is officially known as the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Great Britain consists of England, Wales and Scotland. It is an island as it is surrounded by seas:

- The Irish Sea
- The North Sea
- The English Channel

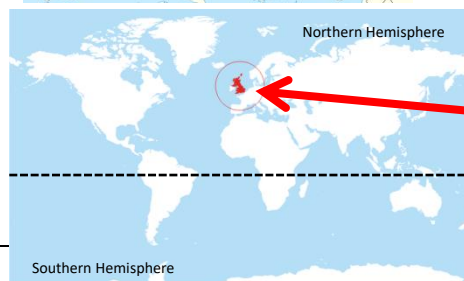
The UK also includes many smaller islands such as the Orkney and Shetland Islands.

The Republic of Ireland is **not** a country of the United Kingdom.

In each country in the UK, there are lots of counties. For example, our primary school is in **West Kirby**, which is in the county of **Merseyside**.



The United Kingdom on a map of Europe



The United Kingdom on a map of the World

Vocabulary Dozen

Address	A written direction to describe where someone lives
Aerial View	A view something or somewhere from above
Continent	A large area of land that may include several countries
Compass	An instrument used for finding directions with a magnetic needle that always points North
Country	An area of land controlled by its own Government
County	Local areas within a country, for example, Merseyside and Cheshire
United Kingdom	The United Kingdom consists of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland
Human Features	Features of land that has been impacted by human activity
Landmark	A building, structure or other place that has significant historical or cultural importance
Northern Hemisphere	The half of the Earth between the North Pole and the equator
Physical Features	Natural features of the land that have been formed with human activity
Postcode	An official code made from letters and number to form part of an address

Ideas to think about...

- Can you name any famous people from the UK?
- Do you know any traditional British features or landmarks?
- Who is in the Royal family? Where do they live?
- Do you know our school's address and postcode? When might it be used?