

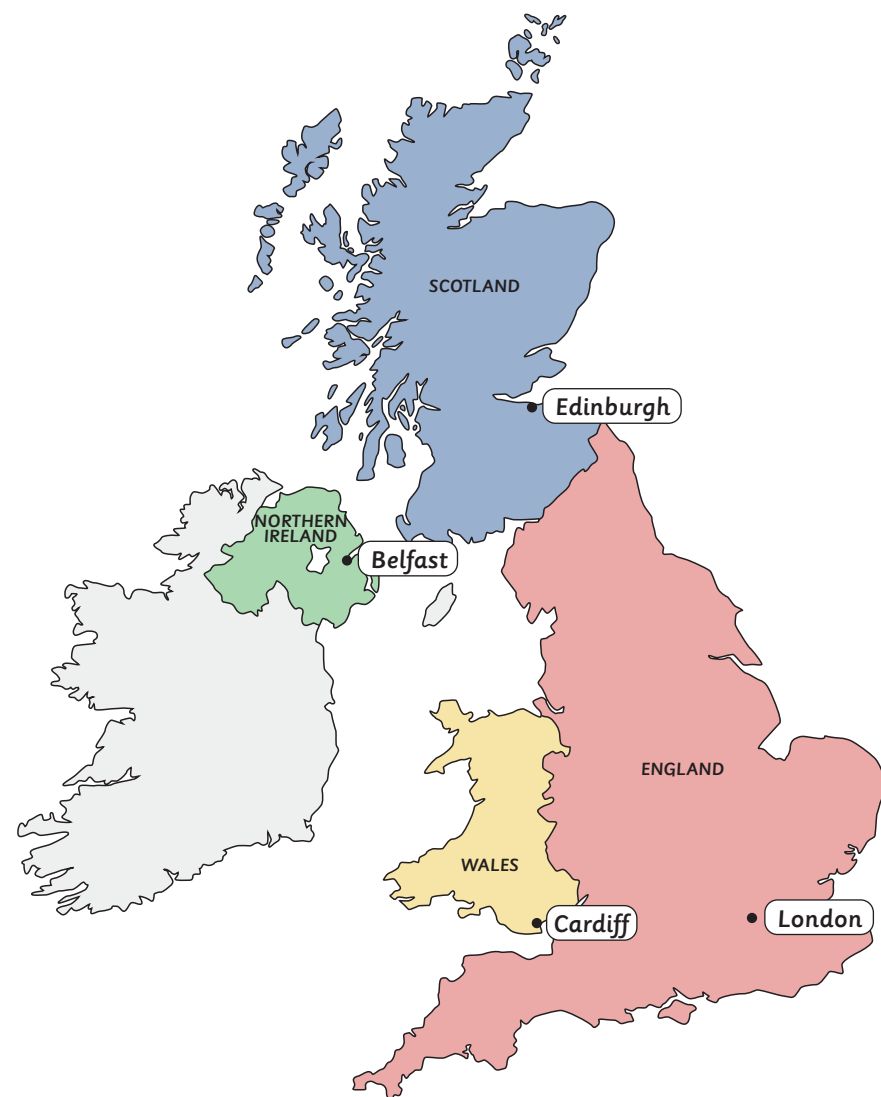
Bright Lights, Big City



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The United Kingdom

The United Kingdom is in Europe. It is made up of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The capital city of the United Kingdom is London.



Physical features

The landscape of the United Kingdom has many different physical features.



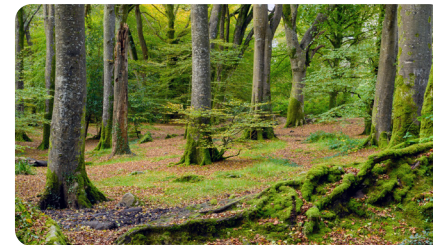
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flatlands



mountain



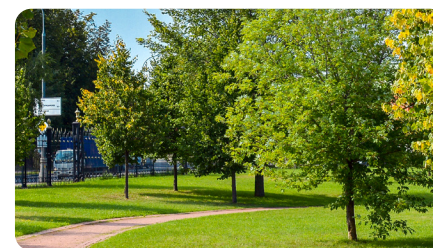
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Weather

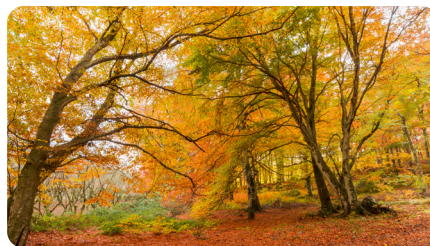
The United Kingdom has four seasons. These are spring, summer, autumn and winter. The weather can be very warm and sunny in the summer. In the winter, the weather can be cold with snow. There can also be lots of rain all year round.



spring



summer



autumn



winter

London

As well as being the capital city of the United Kingdom, London is also the capital city of England. It is the largest city in the UK. Almost nine million people live in London. The River Thames is the main river that runs through the city. Other rivers include the River Lea and the River Roding.

Landmarks



Houses of Parliament



Tower Bridge



Royal Albert Hall



London Eye

Public transport



buses



taxis



trams



underground trains

The Great Fire of London

Thomas Farriner was the baker of King Charles II. His bakery shop was on Pudding Lane in London. A spark from one of his ovens started a terrible fire on Sunday 2nd September 1666. It was known as the Great Fire of London.

Timeline

Sunday	The fire spreads along Pudding Lane. King Charles II asks for wooden houses to be knocked down to make gaps in the streets to stop the fire from spreading. His plan doesn't work.
Monday	Many people pack their belongings and leave the city. The fire reaches the Tower of London but the tower doesn't burn down.
Tuesday	The main street in London, Cheapside, catches fire. The fire reaches St Paul's Cathedral and burns it to the ground.
Wednesday	The wind blows the fire towards the river. The fire reaches the river and dies down.
Thursday	Hundreds of soldiers start to clean the streets and put out small fires that are still burning.
Friday	The fire is out.

HM Queen Elizabeth II

Elizabeth II is the Queen of the United Kingdom. She was born in 1926 and became queen in 1952. The Queen is married to Prince Philip and has a large family. She lives in Buckingham Palace in London. The Queen is very busy. She visits charities and schools in the UK and welcomes world leaders to Buckingham Palace.



The Queen meets lots of people.

Life in a city

A city is a large, busy settlement where lots of people live. A city usually has a cathedral a river, important buildings and offices where people work. There are lots of things to see and do in a city. There are many shops and restaurants to visit.



Aerial view of London.

Glossary

bakery	A place where bread, cakes and pastries are made and sold.
capital city	A city that is home to the government and ruler of a country.
cathedral	A large, important church.
city	A large town, often with a cathedral.
country	A large area of land that has its own government.
countryside	Land that is natural or used for farming.
landmark	An important building or place.
public transport	Buses, trains or other vehicles that follow a timetable, travel on a fixed route and charge a fare.
queen	A female ruler of a kingdom or the wife of a king.
settlement	A place where people live.
village	A small group of houses and buildings that is usually in the countryside.