

UK geography

Here is a list of facts about UK geography. I wonder how many you know before you read this...

- UK stands for United Kingdom
- It consists of four countries: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland
- Great Britain is the name given to the 3 countries on the main island: England, Scotland and Wales
- Part of European Continent
- Mostly rugged hills and low mountains
- Temperate climate
- In the Atlantic Ocean
- Nowhere in the UK is more than 77 miles from the sea!
- Approximately 66 million people live in the UK
- London is the capital city of England – 9 million people live here
- The other capitals are Edinburgh (Scotland), Cardiff (Wales) and Belfast (N.Ireland)
- The currency is the GBP (Great British Pound)
- The National Anthem is 'God Save the Queen'
- National symbols: Lion (animal), Union Jack (flag), Blue/White/Red (colours)
- The only border on land that is a border with a non-UK country is the one between Northern Ireland and Ireland
- Borders with the Atlantic Ocean, the North Sea, the English Channel
- The UK is slightly smaller than the USA state of Oregon!
- The UK has the third longest coastline in Europe – 7723 miles
- The highest mountain in the UK is Ben Nevis in Scotland (1345m)
- The highest mountain in England is Scafell Pike (987m)
- The longest river in the UK is the River Severn (220 miles)
- London is home to Europe's tallest building, The Shard (310m)
- Windsor Castle is the largest inhabited castle in the world
- Stonehenge is the oldest monument in the world (over 3000 years old)
- 83% of the population live in urban areas of the UK
- Queen Elizabeth II is the longest reigning monarch in the world (60+ years)
- The main language is British English although there are over 300 languages spoken here
- The underground system in London was the first and largest in the world but is the most expensive to run!
- Major exports: fuels, chemicals, food, drinks, tobacco
- Major imports: machinery, fuels, foodstuffs

