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WHAT IS THE UNITED KINGDOM?

The UK stands for the United Kingdom. It is called this because it is made up of four smaller counties: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. England, Scotland and Wales are based on the island of Great Britain. Northern Ireland is based on the island of Ireland.



Key Vocabulary

continent		a large solid area of land. Earth has 7 continents- Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Europe, Oceania
country		land that is controlled by a single government
capital city		a city or town where the central government of a country is. The leaders work in the capital city.
village		small settlements with a small number of houses for a few hundred people. Some villages will have a few shops. Most villages are in the countryside surrounded by farms.
town		a larger settlement than a village. More people live in a town than a village- normally a couple of thousand. There will be a school, a place of worship, and shops.
city		the largest kind of settlement and has millions of people living in it. There are lots of different kinds of homes- houses, flats apartments. There are shops, places for leisure, sporting grounds, shops and schools.
urban		where many people live and work closely together
rural		where farms and nature are
population		the whole number of people living in a country, city or area
landmark		A human-made feature of a place that is easily seen and recognised from a distance
physical feature		natural objects or features



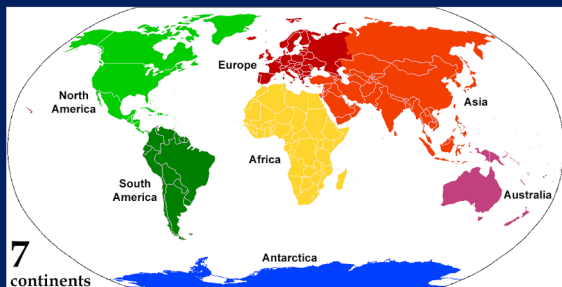


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WHAT IS A CONTINENT?

A continent is a massive area of land that is separated from other areas of land by water or natural features. Five of the continents are connected to at least one other continent by land, whilst **Antarctica** and **Oceania** are cut off by oceans. Each continent has a wide range of land types, climates and animal life.



Did you know...

The United Kingdom is a country belonging to the European continent that includes four separate countries on the British Isles: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

Great Britain is the name for the three nations on the main isle: England, Scotland and Wales. The official name is Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Britain is only used for including the mainland countries England and Wales.

Facts

Each country has physical and human made features that bring thousands of tourists to visit them each year.

The largest country in the UK is England. The smallest country is Northern Ireland.

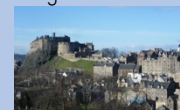
The UK has the third longest coastline in Europe, with 12 430km. (After Norway and Denmark).

UK Facts: Landmarks & Physical Features

London: The capital city has many attractions. London's Shard skyscraper is the tallest building on the European continent with 310m in height.



Edinburgh: The capital city of Scotland since 1437 is known for its castle and the Royal mile. The International Fringe Festival in the city attracts more than 250 000 visitors each year.



Windsor: This quiet little town is in Southern England and is also known for its castle, which is a royal residence built in the 11th century. Windsor castle is the largest inhabited castle in the world.



Stonehenge: Is known as the oldest monument in the world dating back over 3000 years, meaning these huge rocks are older than the Pyramids in Egypt.



Loch Ness: 'Loch' is the Scottish word for 'lake.' Scotland might be known as the country of the Loch Ness monster, however, no proof could ever be found out about Nessie.



Cardiff: Is the capital city of Wales and is often referred to as the 'City of Arcades.' It has the most indoor shopping centres in the UK.



Belfast: Northern Ireland's main business centre is located on the banks of the Lagan River. It has one of the biggest ports in the UK. Shipbuilding was a major industry for the city in the last century and once had the biggest shipyard in the world where the Titanic was built in 1912.



National Flowers of the UK

ENGLAND	SCOTLAND	WALES	NORTHERN IRELAND
			
TUDOR ROSE	THISTLE	DAFFODIL	SHAMROCK