

The United Kingdom, Great Britain or British Isles?

The United Kingdom (UK) is made up of: Northern Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales.

Great Britain (GB) is made up of: Scotland, England and Wales.

The British Isles are made up of: Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales.

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Union Flag

Officially known as the Union Flag, the flag of the United Kingdom is popularly known as the Union Jack.



The flag combines the symbols of England's patron saint St George, Scotland's patron saint, St Andrew, and Ireland's patron saint, St Patrick. Wales is not shown because when the first version was created in 1606, Wales was part of England.

United Kingdom

The UK is in the continent of Europe.

London is the capital city of the UK and also the capital city of England too.

Edinburgh is the capital city of Scotland.

Belfast is the capital city of Northern Ireland.






Cardiff is the capital city of Wales.



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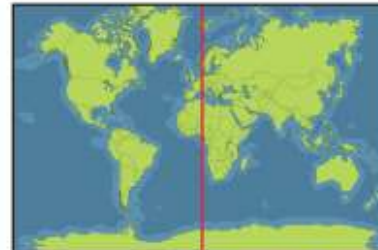
Key Vocab

Monarch	A person who reigns over a kingdom or empire
Island	A piece of land surrounded by water.
Capital city	The city is where the government sits.
Glacier	A large area of thick ice that remains frozen from one year to the next.
Erosion	Water, wind, and other natural forces cause rocks and earth to wear away. These forces also move bits of rock and earth to new places. This movement changes the shape of the land.
Valley	A long depression, or ditch, in Earth's surface.
Tarn	A mountain pool that forms in a hollow scooped out by a glacier.
National Park	A large area of land which is protected by the government because of its natural beauty, plants, or animals.
World Heritage Site	Places in the world which are very important from the cultural or natural point of view.

Timeline of London		Year 5	Spring 1
Date AD (around)	Event	Population (approx.)	
43	Romans invaded Britain and built a settlement called Londinium on the banks of the river Thames.	unknown	
1066	After the Norman Invasion, many forts were built including the Tower of London.		
1209	London Bridge was built to replace smaller, wooden bridges on the Thames.		80 000
1665	Over 60 000 people died due to the Great Plague.		
1666	The Great Fire of London destroyed 60% of the City.		
1762	Buckingham House was built, now known as Buckingham Palace.		1 million
1805-1886	Landmarks such as Trafalgar Square, Big Ben, Royal Albert Hall and Tower Bridge were built.		6.7 million
1939-1945	Many houses and buildings were destroyed during the Second World War.		
2000	Millennium Dome and Millennium Wheel (London Eye) were built to celebrate the new millennium .		
2012	Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park built for the Olympic Games.		8 million

Why Might People Come and Move to the UK?

Many people decide to move to and live permanently in the **UK**. These **immigrants** can come from all over the world including Italy, India, China and Australia. They might decide to live in the **UK** to be nearer to family, for work or for a different lifestyle.



Prime Meridian

This imaginary line runs through the Royal Observatory in Greenwich. It is also used as the basis for the world's time zones.