

# Earning a Living

Learning Objective:

To explore industries of the UK.



Do you know what  
a business is?

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A business is an organisation that makes goods to sell or that offers some sort of service to people. There are countless types of business in the world but all have the aim of making money.

Did you know that companies like Apple, Starbucks and Mattel all started as one- or two-people businesses that grew to become international corporations?



Entrepreneurs set up new businesses. They might start off as very small businesses but if they do well, they can grow and expand. This means they can offer lots more people jobs.



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The type of businesses that start in an area can depend on what resources the area has. For example, there is no point in starting a fishing business if you don't live near water, or a banana business if you don't live in an area where bananas grow well.

Companies can take advantage of this by trading their goods with other areas that can't make the products themselves. The UK exports a lot of goods with other countries and imports goods that can't be made in the country.

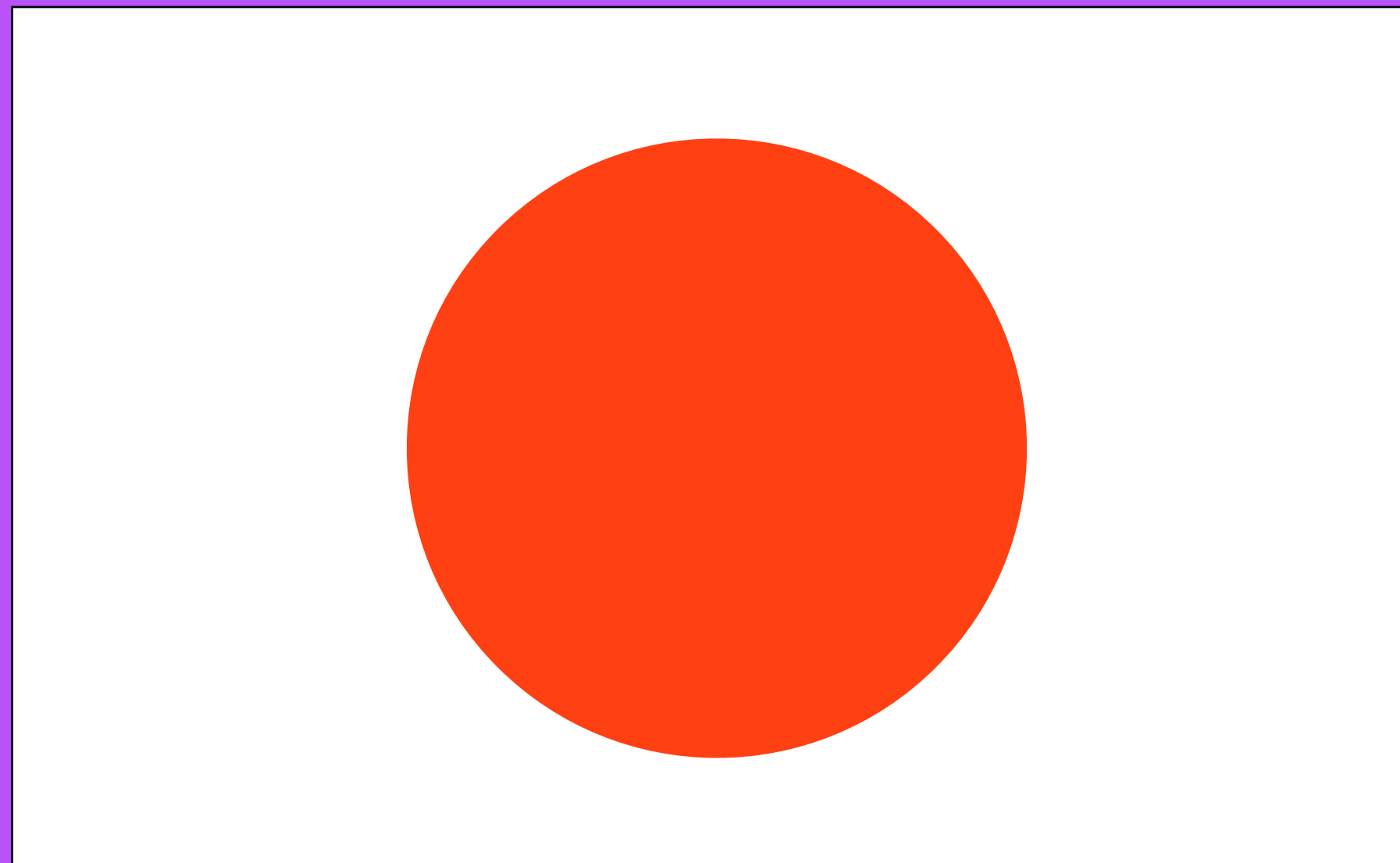


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Because all countries are different, their industries are also different.  
Some countries will have a stronger agricultural industry than others.  
Some countries will have a larger manufacturing industry than others.



Japan has a strong  
manufacturing industry.



Brazil has a strong  
agricultural industry.

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The UK is one of the world's biggest trading nations. A large part of the money the UK makes from exporting goods is from machinery and transport, as well as natural resources such as oil. BP (British Petroleum) is the UK's biggest industrial company and has nearly 90,000 employees in Britain and around the world.



Did you know that 8 out of 10 cars built in the UK are exported to other countries?



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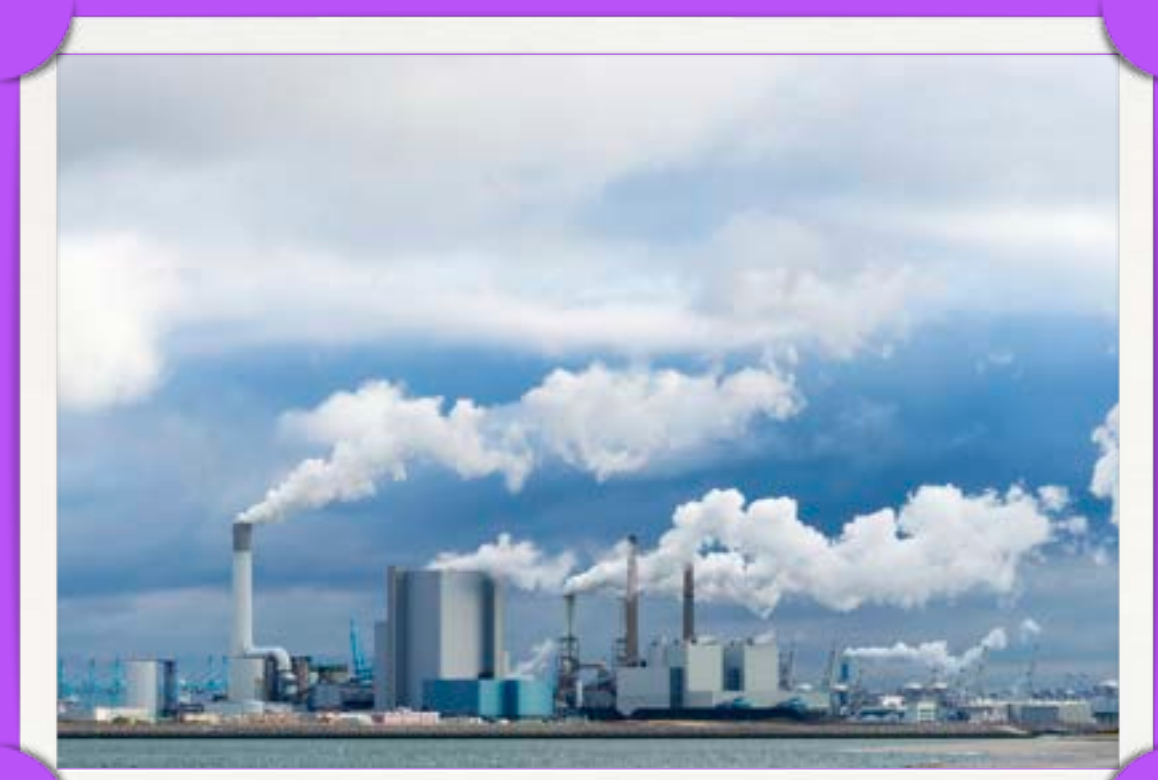
Here are some of the main industries in the UK today: banking and finance, steel manufacturing, coal and gas, transport and tourism.



Transport



Steel manufacturing



Coal and gas



Banking and finance



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# Different areas of the country also have industries that they are known for.

Nottingham is known for producing lace that it sells around the country and abroad.

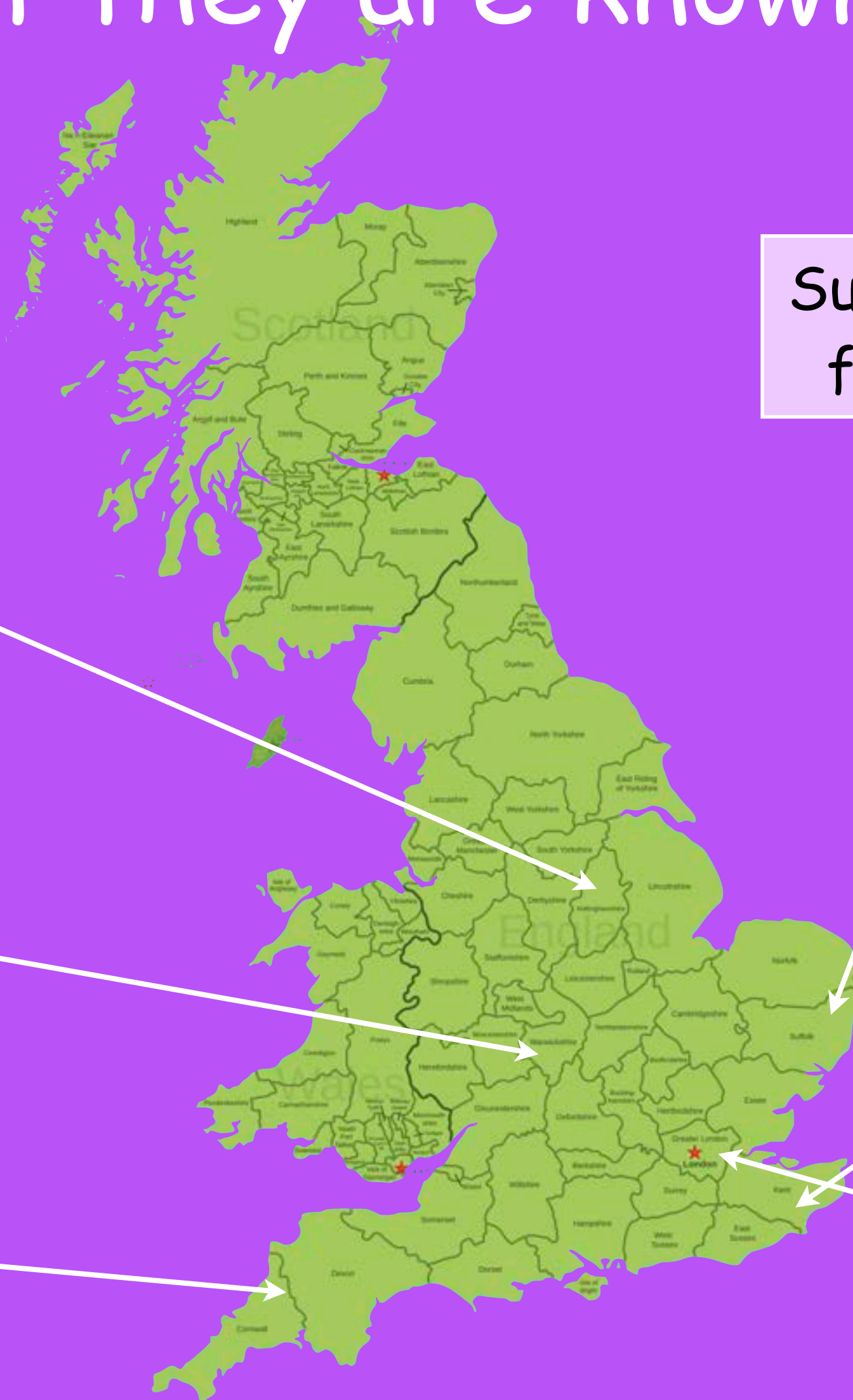
Coventry has a large car industry.

Devon and Cornwall produce a lot of Cheddar cheese.

Suffolk has a large fishing industry.

Kent is known as the 'Garden of England' and is known for its apples and hops.

The banking industry of Britain is focused in London.





All these industries provide jobs for millions of people in the UK. As well as the main industries in different areas, there are also all the other sectors that people can work in. All areas of the UK employ workers in all the services that people need, such as education, retail, leisure, travel and tourism.



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# Plenary:



What kind of area  
do we live in?

What is the main  
industry in our area?

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