

Key Stage 3 Geography



Year 7 Our Place in The World

Topic	Big Question	Small Questions
Our place in the world.	Where do we live?	How does the UK compare to other countries around the World? What is the UK area? What is the UK population? What is the difference between the British Isles, UK and Great Britain? What is the population and size of the nations in the UK?

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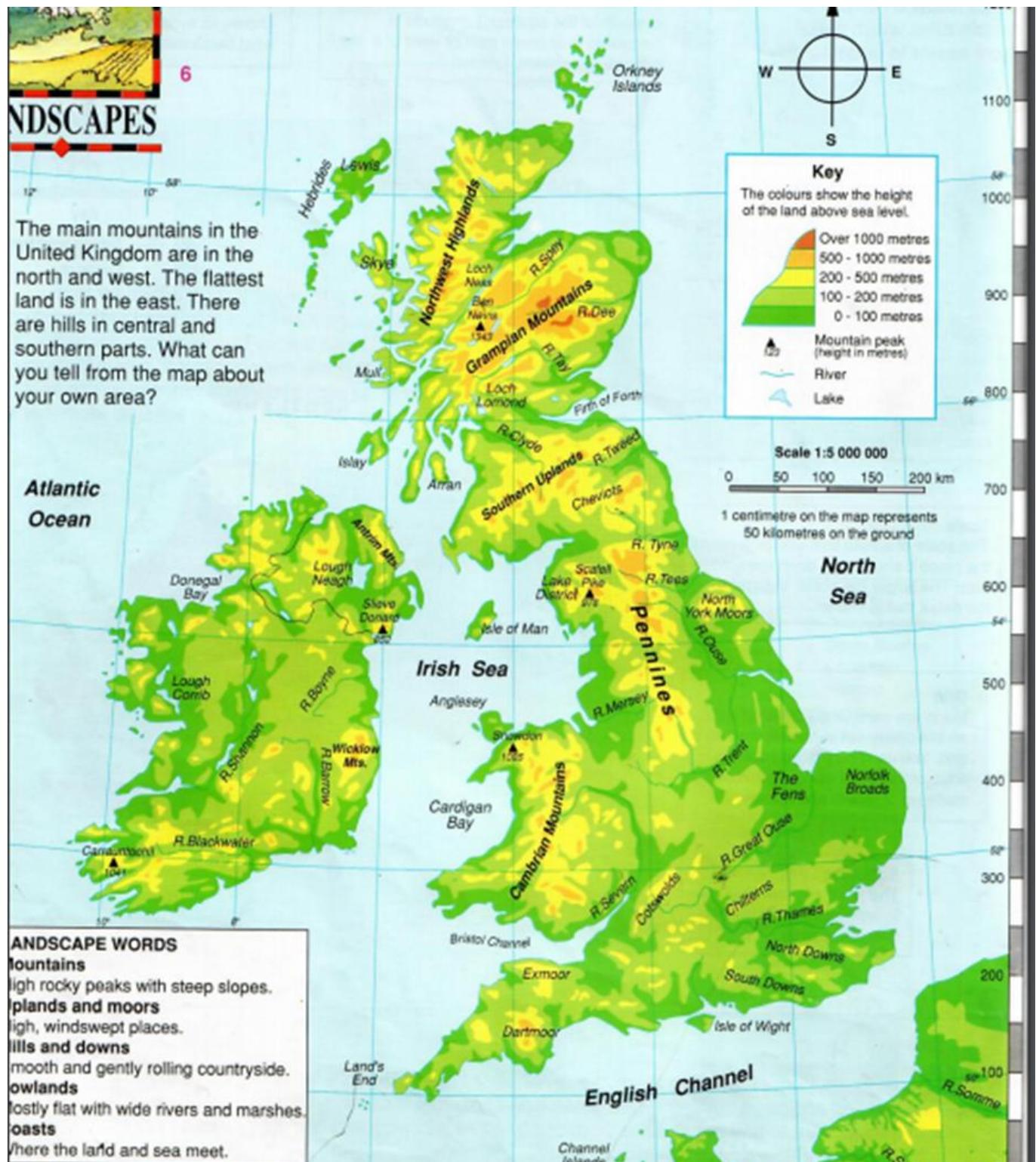
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UK Human Map



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UK Physical Map



Small questions

- **What is the difference between the British Isles, UK and Great Britain?**
- **What is the population and size of the nations in the UK?**

Knowledge

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, commonly known as the United Kingdom (U.K. or UK) is a sovereign country located off the northwestern coast of the European mainland. The United Kingdom includes the island of Great Britain, the northeastern part of the island of Ireland, and many smaller islands. Northern Ireland is the only part of the United Kingdom that shares a land border with another sovereign state, the Republic of Ireland. Apart from this land border, the United Kingdom is surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean, with the North Sea to the east, the English Channel to the south and the Irish Sea to the south-west, giving it the 12th-longest coastline in the world. The United Kingdom was home to an estimated 66.0 million inhabitants in 2017.

Apart from England, the nations have their own devolved governments, each with varying powers. The nearby Isle of Man, Guernsey and Jersey are not part of the UK, being Crown dependencies with the British Government responsible for defence and international representation. The medieval conquest of Wales by the Kingdom of England, followed by the union between England and Scotland in 1707 to form the Kingdom of Great Britain, and the union in 1801 of Great Britain with the Kingdom of Ireland created the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. Five-sixths of Ireland seceded from the UK in 1922, leaving the present formulation of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Great Britain therefore refers to the largest island containing England, Scotland and Wales.

The United Kingdom, on the other hand, is purely a political term: it's the independent country that encompasses all of Great Britain and the region now called Northern Ireland.

The British Isles describes the islands of Great Britain and Ireland. It includes the countries of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.

The United Kingdom key details - Key facts

Population:
66.3 million

Official language:
English

Currency:
pound sterling (£)

Area:
243,305 sq km

Length of Coastline:
12,400km

Capital city:
London

The UK comprises of 4 different nations:

Scotland

- Size - 80,077 km²
- Population - 5.50 million
- Capital city – Edinburgh

Northern Ireland

- Size 14,130 km²
- Population - 1.8 million
- Capital city – Belfast

Wales

- Size - 20,735 km²
- Population - 3.1 million
- Capital city - Cardiff

England

- Size - 130,395 km²
- Population - 55.93 million
- Capital city - London

Consolidation

Rank the nations from largest to smallest:

	Nation	Area in km ²	Population
1			
2			
3			
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Testing

What is the difference between England, The United Kingdom and The British Isles?

Small questions

How does the UK compare to other countries around the World?

What is the UK area?

What is the UK population?

Knowledge

- The Uk is 81st out of 195 countries in terms of it's area.
- The population is equivalent to 0.87% of the total world population.
- The U.K. ranks number 21 in the list of countries by population.
- This means that we are a **densely** populated country.
- Canada is 2nd in terms of it's area and number 35 in terms of it's population!
- This means that Canada is a **sparsely** populated country.

Consolidation

Put these countries areas in order of their size.

	Rank
UK - 243,305 km ²	
USA - 9.834 million km ²	
Japan - 377,915 km ²	
France - 643,801 km ²	
Russia - 17.1 million km ²	
South Africa - 1.22 million km ²	
Italy - 301,338 km ²	
Canada - 9.985 million km ²	
Bangladesh - 147,570 km ²	
Australia - 7.692 million km ²	

Put the countries in order of population:

Country and Population	Rank
UK - 66.3 million	
Italy - 60.48 million	
Japan - 126.8 million	
France - 66.99 million	
Russia - 144.5 million	
South Africa - 56.72 million	
USA - 327.2 million	
Canada - 37.59 million	
Bangladesh - 164.7 million	
Australia - 24.6 million	

Application

What do you notice about the UK's position in the two ranks?

What reasons can you give for this?

Which countries most surprises you and why?

Testing

Give reasons why some places in the world may be very large but have few people' and places that are small that have many people?

You may find some of the word below useful in your answer

Hot	wet	mountains	cold
Soil	mild		flat
Steep	crops	dry	inaccessible

Homework

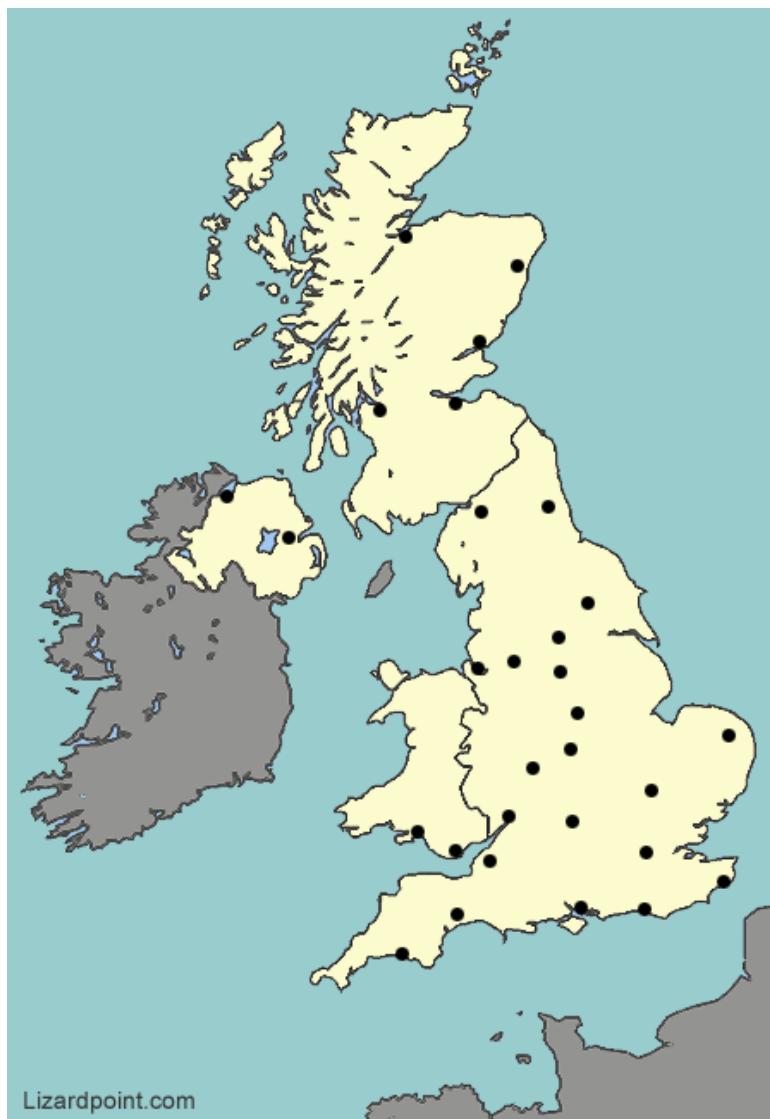
Use the information that you have above to complete the table below.

Start by ticking the nations that are included in each description.

Once you have done this use the information about population and area to calculate each for the British Isles, Great Britain, the UK and England.

To do this you need to know that the Republic of Ireland has an area of 70,273 km² and a population of 4.83 million.

	British Isles	Great Britain	United Kingdom	England
				
Area				
Population				
England				
Scotland				
Wales				
N.Ireland				
Republic Of Ireland				



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Use your UK map at the front of the booklet to name the cities above (you need to give each one a number first)

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