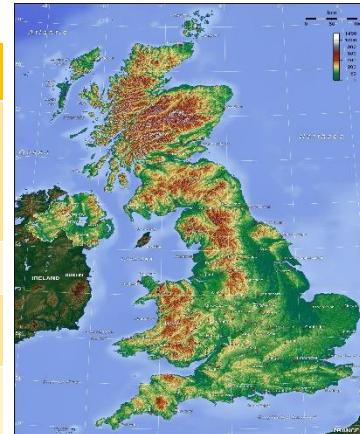




Year 1 – What is the United Kingdom?

Key Vocabulary	
United Kingdom (UK)	The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland – with England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland in it.
island	A body of land surrounded by water.
country	A land where someone is born or lives.
Capital city	A city where the government of that country is found.
compass	A tool which points out directions, such as North, South, East and West
N/S/E/W	North, South, East, West – points on a compass.
London	The capital city of England.
Belfast	The capital city of Northern Ireland.
Cardiff	The capital city of Wales.
Edinburgh	The capital city of Scotland.
Human feature	Things built by people, such as buildings, roads and bridges.
Physical feature	Natural features like seas, mountains and rivers.



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Key Knowledge

- The United Kingdom is also often called the U.K.
- It is surrounded by sea, in fact a number of different seas: North Sea, Irish Sea, Celtic Sea.
- The U.K. is an island. Even though it does not join to the rest of Europe, it is still part of it.
- The U.K is made up of four different countries: England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales.
- Each of these countries has a capital city. A capital city is where a country's government is located. But it is not always the biggest city in that country.
- There are lots of other cities and towns in the U.K. – not just its capital cities.
- Between these different settlements there is lots of space, including countryside, beaches and mountains.

Did you know?

Belfast is the only UK capital city that we could not travel to by train from Liverpool.