



Geography: Orange Class – The UK

What are the key features of the United Kingdom?

Key Vocabulary	
United Kingdom	The United Kingdom is the official name for the country consisting of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
Europe	The second smallest continent. It includes the United Kingdom.
Continent	A continent is a very large area of land that consists of several countries. There are seven continents in the world.
Country	A nation with its own government and borders to mark out its land.
City	A city is the largest type of settlement, containing lots of buildings and lots of people.
County	A county is a region of the UK which has its own local government.
Royal Charter	A special document written by the Queen to say that a place is a city.
Topography	The appearance of the natural features of a place e.g. rivers, mountains, land.
Climate	The general weather conditions usually found in a particular place.
Average Rainfall	A way to measure how much rainfall there is in a particular country each year.
Terrain	The features of an area of land e.g. sandy, rocky, marshy, mountainous.
Population	The number of people living in a particular place.




Key Places
United Kingdom Capital: London
England Capital: London
Wales Capital: Cardiff
Scotland Capital: Edinburgh
Northern Ireland Capital: Belfast

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Population	67,545,757
Size	242,495 km ²
Language	English (official), Welsh, Scots, Ulster Scots, Scottish Gaelic, Cornish, Irish
Location	Northern Hemisphere
Continent	Europe



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Language	English
Countries Making the United Kingdom	England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales
Capital City	London
Population of London	Approx, 9 million
Some Major Cities	London, Birmingham, Manchester, Glasgow, Newcastle, Sheffield, Liverpool, Cardiff, Belfast
Government	Parliamentary Monarchy, Democracy
Climate	The UK has a temperate climate . In general, this means that Britain gets cool, wet winters and warm, wet summers. The weather conditions are also very changeable.
Currency	Pound Sterling

Key facts

Mountains: Snowdon, Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike, Slieve Donard.

Rivers: The Thames, The Clyde, The Mersey, The Wye, The Bann.

A city is a former town created as a city by royal charter.

A county is an area of land that has its own local government and other organisations.

There are four variations of climate in the UK depending on how cold the winters are and how warm the summers are.

Average rainfall is greater in the western mountainous regions of the UK.

The UK is a country in the continent of Europe in the northern hemisphere.

Seas and Oceans: The Atlantic Ocean, The North Sea, The Irish Sea, The English Channel.