

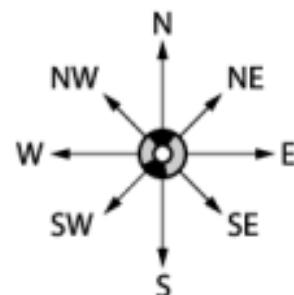
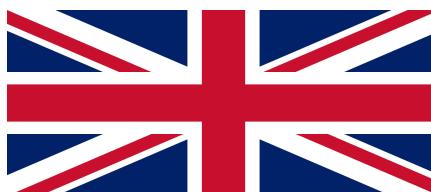


## Geography: Lilac Class – The United Kingdom

### Why is London the Capital City?

Key Vocabulary	
Population	The total number of people living in a country, city or area
Capital City	The city where the government is located
Compass	an instrument for showing direction. A typical compass has a moving magnetic needle that points north
Grid References	Numbers and letters along the edges of a map to help locate places
Land-use	What the land in a certain area is used for
Human Features	Things such as language, religion, political systems, and population are examples of <b>human characteristics</b> .
Physical Features	The <b>physical characteristics</b> of a place including landforms, climate, soils, and hydrology.
Equator	An imaginary line around the middle of a planet half-way between the North Pole and the South Pole, at 0 degrees latitude.
Northern Hemisphere	The half of Earth that is north of the Equator
Southern Hemisphere	The half of Earth that is south of the Equator
Climate Zone	The weather changes in different parts of the world. Where there are similar weather patterns this is known as a climate.
Topographical	<b>Topography</b> describes the physical features of an area of land. These features typically include natural formations such as mountains, rivers, lakes, and valleys.

London Key Facts
• London is the capital city of England and the United Kingdom
• London is the largest city in the United Kingdom.
• London is the largest city in Europe.
• London is formed by two ancient cities – <b>City of London</b> and City of <b>Westminster</b> , both cities forming the region of <b>Greater London</b>
• The world's first public zoo first opened in 1829 in London (London Zoo)
• The exact centre of London is marked by a plaque in the Church of St Martin's-in-the-Fields overlooking <b>Trafalgar Square</b> .
• The <b>tallest building</b> in London is The Shard London Bridge - 310 meters (1,017ft) tall. It is also the 45th tallest in the world
• London is the first city to host the <b>Olympics</b> three times (1908, 1948 and 2012)



Population	8.9 million
Size	1,572 km <sup>2</sup>
Language	English
Location	Southeast
Land Type	Urban



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UK	
Population	Approx. 66 million
Size	250,000 km <sup>2</sup>
Language	English
Countries Making the United Kingdom	England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales
Capital City	London
Population of London	Appox, 9 million
Government	Parliamentary Monarchy, Democracy
Currency	Pound Sterling

#### London

London, the capital of England and the United Kingdom, is a 21st-century city with history stretching back to Roman times. At its centre stand the imposing Houses of Parliament, the iconic 'Big Ben' clock tower and Westminster Abbey, site of British monarch coronations. Across the Thames River, the London Eye observation wheel provides panoramic views of the South Bank cultural complex, and the entire city.



Map Symbols			
	Nature Reserve		Viewpoint
	Art Gallery		Youth hostel
	Golf Course		Public House
	Cathedral or Abbey		Mountain Bike Trail
	Boat Trips		Cattle Grid
	Lighthouse		Slipway
	School		National Trust
	Park and Ride		Viewpoint
	Wind Turbine		Beacon
	Bus or Coach station		Mast

#### The River Thames

The River Thames flows through London.

The Thames is both tidal and non-tidal, depending which spot you're looking at – it becomes tidal after Teddington Lock.

The Thames Path is 184 miles long, which makes it the longest river walk in Europe. The river itself is 215 miles long.

There are more than 80 islands in the Thames.

There are over 200 bridges that cross the river – the first was built by Romans.

