

**CHARLES
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PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

The United Kingdom



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THE UNITED KINGDOM

KEY FACTS

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- The United Kingdom is a union of four countries: England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- The UK is surrounded by four bodies of water: the English Channel, the North Sea, the Irish Sea and the Atlantic Ocean.
- The capital city of Scotland is Edinburgh. The northern part of Scotland is known as the Highlands. Here you can find large mountains called Munros, valleys and enormous lakes called lochs. One of the deepest lakes in Britain is Loch Ness.
- Wales is a country known for its hills, mountains and mild damp climate. The capital city of Wales is Cardiff.
- Ireland is made up of two countries, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. The capital city of Northern Ireland is Belfast. A famous landmark in Northern Ireland is the Giant's Causeway.
- London is the capital city of England. England is made up of rural and non-rural areas.

Patron Saints of each nation

- England: St. George
- Scotland: St. Andrew
- Northern Ireland: St Patrick
- Wales: St. David



GEOGRAPHICAL SKILLS



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- Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the UK and its countries, as well as the world's seven continents and 5 oceans.
- Children use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational and directional language to describe the location of the four countries within the UK.
- Children use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise basic human and physical features of the UK; devise a simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key.

KEY VOCABULARY



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- map
- union
- sea
- ocean
- channel
- north
- south
- east
- west
- climate
- hills
- lochs
- mountains
- lakes
- valleys
- rural
- non-rural

WHAT IS THE UNITED KINGDOM?



Part 1: Which Countries make up the United Kingdom?

The four countries of the United Kingdom are England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Although the countries are much older, the United Kingdom has existed since 1801.

Queen Elizabeth I is the monarch of the United Kingdom and London is the capital city. Each of the countries also has its own capital city: London in England, Belfast in Northern Ireland, Edinburgh in Scotland and Cardiff in Wales.



Label the countries of the United Kingdom



Part 2: What are the flags of the United Kingdom?

The official flag of the United Kingdom is the Union Jack and dates back to 1801. It is made up from the Scotland's flag - St Andrew's Cross, England's flag - St George's Cross and the Northern Irish flag - St Patrick's Cross which is also known as Saint Patrick's Saltire.

