Key Vocabulary

town	A town is a place where people live and work. There may be shops, places of worship, leisure facilities and schools there. It is bigger than a village but smaller than a city.
countryside	Land that is not in towns or cities. Sometimes there are small settlements like villages there. The countryside has lots of farmland and often has woodland.
physical feature	Physical features like seas, mountains, cliffs and rivers are natural. They would be here even if there were no people.
human feature	Human features are manmade like houses, roads and bridges.
country	An area of land with its own government, rules and borders.
UK	The United Kingdom. It is made up of four countries: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
island	An area of land surrounded by water.



Flags



The UK

The UK is made up of the island of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It is surrounded by the English Channel, the North Sea, the Irish Sea and the North Atlantic Ocean.

Countries in the United Kingdom

England: England is the largest country in the UK. London is the capital city. Many parts of England are flat but there is also lots of rural countryside with rolling hills and valleys in the north.

Scotland: Scotland is a country in the north of the UK. Edinburgh is the capital city. Scotland has large mountains including Ben Nevis, which is the largest in the UK.

Northern Ireland: Northern Ireland is the smallest country in the UK. Belfast is the capital city. One of the most famous landmarks is Giant's Causeway (natural rock steps mostly hexagonal in shape).

Wales: Wales is a mountainous country in the west of the UK. Cardiff is the capital city. Wales has its own language (Welsh). Not everyone there speaks it though.

Key Vocabulary

capital city	A town or city where the government sits.
landmark	A feature of a landscape or place that is easily recognised. It couldbe something made by people (a human feature) or something that occurred naturally (a physical feature). Big Ben is a **landmark** in London.
population	How many people live in one particular place? This could be the population of a city, a **town**, a country or the whole world. The UK population is approximately 67 million.

Human features









Physical features









Landmarks







