

Year 5 - The United Kingdom

Key Vocabulary

County	A county is a territorial division and a unit of local government in some countries.
City	A permanent and densely settled place with administratively defined boundaries whose members work primarily on non-agricultural tasks.
Population	A subgroup of individuals within the same species that are living and breeding within a geographic area.
Life expectancy	The average number of years a person born in a particular country might be expected to live.
Mountain	An elevated portion of the Earth's crust, generally with steep sides that show significant exposed bedrock.
Hill	A piece of land that rises higher than everything surrounding it. It looks like a little bump in the Earth.
Coastline	The coast is the land along a sea. The boundary of a coast, where land meets water, is called the coastline.
Source	The place where a river begins is called its source.
Sea	A sea is a division of the ocean that is enclosed or partly enclosed by land.
Towns	A town is generally larger than a village, but smaller than a city. Some geographers further define a town as having 2,500 and 20,000 residents.
Cities	Cities generally have extensive systems for housing, transportation, sanitation, utilities, land use, production of goods and communication.
Urban	An urban area is the region surrounding a city. Most inhabitants of urban areas have non-agricultural jobs.

Key Facts

Ben Nevis is the highest mountain in Scotland, the United Kingdom and the British Isles. The summit is 4,413 feet above sea level and is the highest land in any direction for 459 miles.



The River Severn length is 220 miles long (354 kilometres). The source of River Severn starts in the Cambrian Mountains of mid-Wales.



Sticky Knowledge

- There are four countries in the UK.
- The approximate population of the UK is 67 million.
- The UK is divided into sections called counties.
- England can be split into different regions to help locate the different counties.
- The Atlantic Ocean is on the West Coast of the UK.
- The tallest mountain in Britain is Ben Nevis.
- The longest river in Britain is the River Severn.



