

Geography of the UK

Key Terms

Physical Map – Shows mountains, rivers and seas.

Political Map – shows the borders of the countries and also their capital/major cities.

Migration – this is when someone moves to a new place to live and work.

Multicultural – a society where many different cultures live together

Refugee – A person seeking a safe place to live

Choropleth Map - A map that uses colours to show different information

Population Distribution – this is usually displayed on a map and shows where people live

Primary employment – jobs in mining, fishing and farming

Secondary employment – manufacturing jobs where people make things

Tertiary employment – jobs that provide a service like teaching or shop assistant

Quaternary employment – hi-tech jobs like computing

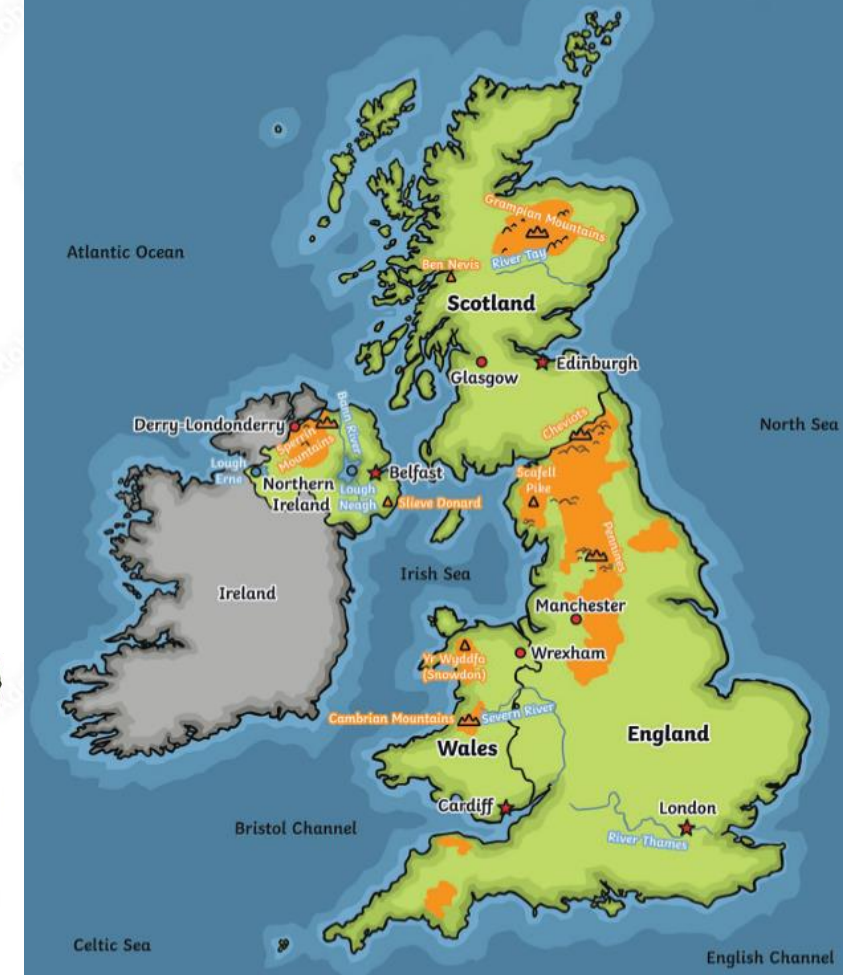
Demographics – this is data about the population of a place

Life expectancy – the average age people live to



A political map of the UK

There are 4 countries in the UK and each has a capital city as shown on the map above.



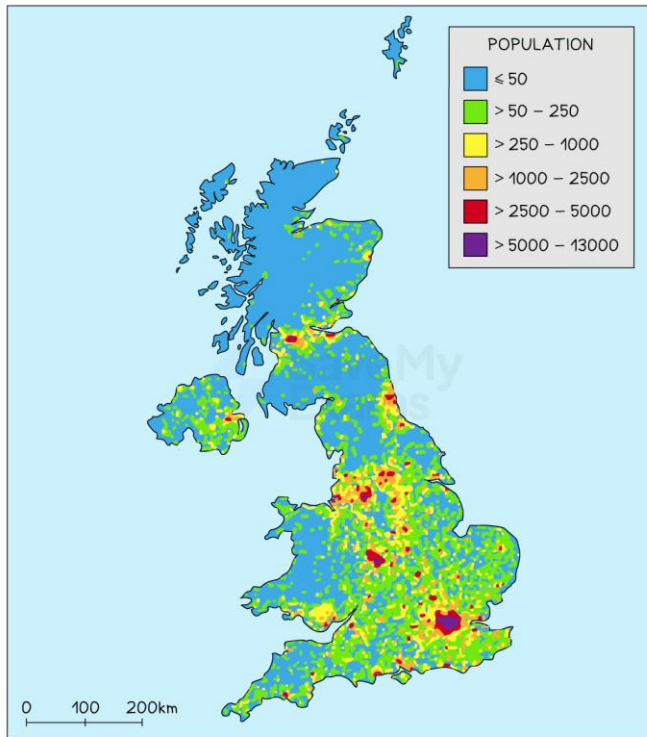
A physical map of the UK

The map shows the highest mountain in each country, the largest river and also where the main mountain ranges are located.

Who are the British?

The UK is a multicultural place with a long history of migration stretching back 1000s of years from the Romans, Vikings and Anglo-Saxons to more recently people from India, the Caribbean, Pakistan and also Europe from when we were a part of the EU.

Choropleth map showing population distribution



- The choropleth map uses colours to show where people live.
- The darker the colour the more people. As you can see the majority of people live in cities. The large dark colour to the south is London and in the North West you can clearly see there are many people in Manchester and Liverpool.
- In addition you can also see that very few people live in Northern Scotland. This is because there are lots of mountains and it is not an easy place to live.

The Lake District – An area of natural beauty created by glaciers



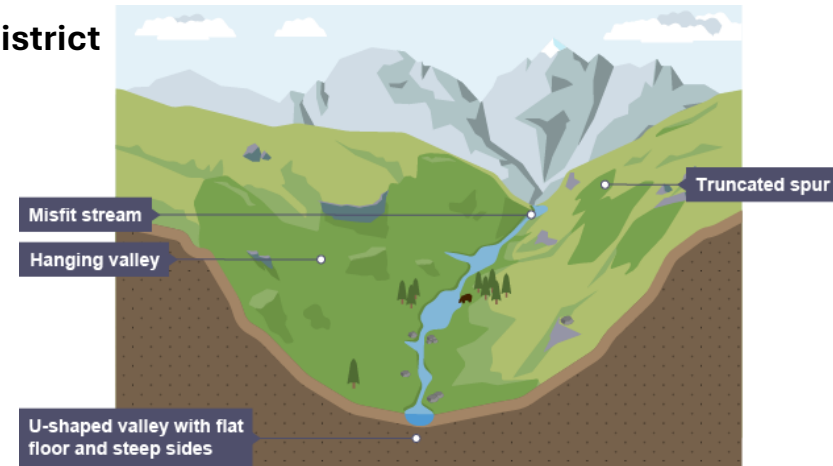
The Lake District is located in North West England and is a National Park (its natural beauty is protected by strict laws) that is famous for its Lakes and Mountains. It is a very popular tourist destination for sightseeing, hiking, canoeing and sailing or mountaineering. It was created during the last ice age which began over 2 million years ago but only ended 11000 years ago.

A glacier is a slow moving mass of ice

How Glaciers shaped the Lake District

Because of the mountains and the Lake Districts location it has always received lots of rainfall which created rivers and V-shaped valleys (which learnt about in the rivers topic).

Glaciers eroded these valleys creating **U-shaped valleys**. The ice as it moved downhill scraped out the sides and bottom where there are now many lakes present.



UK Demographics

- The average age of the population of the UK is 41. In Greater Manchester it is 39.
- The average life expectancy in the UK is 82 years in Manchester it is 81 years. There could be a number of reasons for this such as standard of healthcare, how difficult their job is or their quality of life.
- The average wage a person will earn in the UK is £37,000 but in London it is £47,00 and Manchester is £38,000 this could differ because of the different types of jobs people have in different parts of the country.