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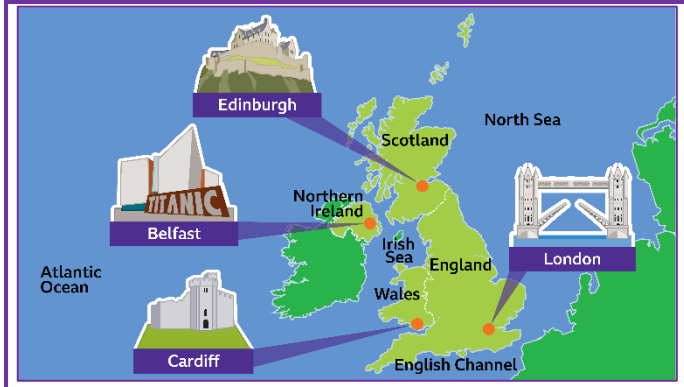
GEOGRAPHY	MAP THE U.K.	KEY STAGE 1

Cross curricular links

Maths: Directional language, distances on a map

Pictures/photos relevant to topic



Key skills

Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the U.K.

Name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries, capital cities and surrounding seas of the U.K.

Use vocabulary to describe key human features.

Use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human features.

Use simple fieldwork to study human features of the school's surrounding environment.

Use locational and directional language to describe features and the location of routes on a map.

Communicate geographical information through a simple map including using and constructing basic symbols in a key.

Key Vocabulary/definitions

Map: A drawing of all or part of Earth's surface.

Globe: A spherical representation of Earth's surface.

Atlas: A collection of maps.

Country: Land that is controlled by a single government.

Capital city: A city where the government of that country is based.

Human feature: Things around us that have been built by people.

Map symbols: Small pictures on a map that represent real objects and landmarks.

Key: An information box on a map which explains what the lines and symbols on the map mean.

Key facts

The U.K. stands for the United Kingdom. It is called 'united' because it is made up of four smaller countries: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

England, Scotland and Wales are located on the island of Great Britain. Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland are on the island of Ireland.

The UK is surrounded by water:

- The English Channel (between England and France)
- The Irish Sea (between England and Wales and Northern Ireland and Ireland)
- The North Sea (between Great Britain, Norway and Denmark)