

The Capital City of the UK

London is the **capital city** of the **UK**. It is the largest city in England. It has a **population** of about nine million people.

London is found in the Northern Hemisphere. It is a very busy and built-up city with lots of important buildings and famous **landmarks**.

London hosted the Olympic Games in 2012 which was an exciting time for sport in the **UK**. The King lives at Buckingham Palace.

London has a temperate climate. This means that temperatures vary all year round but are generally not extremely hot or cold. The weather is seasonal.



Buckingham Palace



Big Ben



Tower Bridge

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Key Vocabulary

town	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 hamlets and villages) there. There is usually lots of farmland and often woodland.
pro	The positives of something.
con	The negatives of something.
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.
Capital city	A town or city where the government sits.
landmark	A feature of a landscape or place that is easily recognised. It could be 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 in a city, a town , a country or the whole world.

Towns might have football stadiums, office blocks and shopping centres. In the **countryside**, you might find farms and open fields.

The **UK** is made up of the island 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: the largest **country** in the **UK**. **London** is the **capital city**. Many parts are flat but there is a lot of rural countryside with rolling hills and valleys in the north.

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: is the smallest **country** in the **UK**. **Belfast** is the **capital city**. One of the most famous landmarks in Giant's Causeway.

Wales: is a mountainous **country** in the west of the **UK**. **Cardiff** is the **capital city**. They speak Welsh.