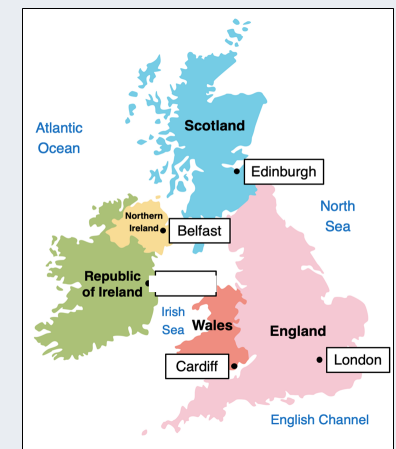
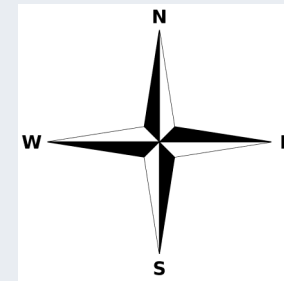


Geography Year 2 Spring — The United Kingdom – its countries and capital cities

Key knowledge to know and use

The countries in the UK are England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
Scotland is to the north of England and Wales is to the west of England. Northern Ireland is to the west across the Irish Sea.
The capital cities are London (England), Edinburgh (Scotland), Cardiff (Wales) and Belfast (Northern Ireland).
The seas surrounding the UK are the North Sea, Irish Sea and the English Channel. These seas are part of the Atlantic Ocean. All of the capital cities of the UK have ports.
Some of the most famous landmarks in the UK are natural (physical geography features). E.g. River Thames, Snowdon, Loch Ness, Giant's Causeway,
Some of the most famous landmarks in the UK are man made (human geography features). E.g. York Minster, Millennium Stadium, Edinburgh Castle, Titanic Museum.
There are similarities between the London and Sydney eg. both have ports as they are near the sea; and differences e.g. the London is a capital city but Sydney is not a capital city.



Key vocabulary to remember and use in your learning

Word	Definition
border	The line dividing two countries .
country	A country is land that is controlled by a single government.
government	The people who make the rules that the country live by.
capital city	The capital city is a city where the central government of the country is.
landmark	A landmark is a natural or manmade object or a feature of a place that is important or makes a place easily recognisable.
coast	Where the land meets the sea.
harbour	An area on the coast where ships can stop and stay.
port	A town or city with a harbour or access to water where ships can load and unload .



The Houses of Parliament.

The Houses of Parliament are located on the River Thames in London. This is where the government makes important decisions. Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland have a government building in their capital cities too.