Geography Year 5 Autumn — The UK: its regions and counties

Key knowledge to know and use

The UK is made up of 12 regions (see the map to the right).

Each country in the UK is divide into smaller areas known as counties in England and Wales. In Scotland, they are known as regions and in Northern Ireland, they are known as districts.

Sheffield is a city in Yorkshire and Humberside region and is in the county of South Yorkshire.

Yorkshire is the largest county in England and in 1974 it was divided into the counties of North Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, West Yorkshire and East Yorkshire.

The physical land scape of Yorkshire is very varied and includes mountains, hills, rivers, lowlands and it also has a coastline that borders the North Sea.

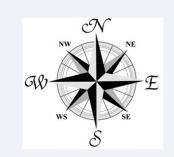
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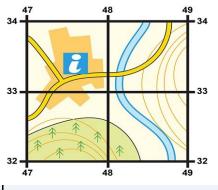
Traditional industries include sheep farming, textile manufacturing, coal mining and the steel industry. Some land that was previously used for industry has changed over time to tourism areas, nature reserves, shopping centres, biomass, solar and wind power stations.

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Ordnance Survey maps are widely used for a variety of purposes, including outdoor recreation, planning, and navigation. Symbols are used on a map to identify all the features.







The 12 regions of the UK are further divided into smaller areas called counties.

This is a section of an OS map. The information centre is located within the square with the grid reference 47 33

Key vocabulary to remember and use in your learning



This map shows the physical features of Yorkshire.

There are 8 cities in Yorkshire: Leeds, Bradford, Sheffield, Hull, York, Doncaster, Wakefield and Ripon.



The Prime Meridian runs through Withernsea, which is on the east coast of Yorkshire.



Word	Definition
rural	Areas which are less densely populated.
urban	Areas where many people live and work, resulting in very dense development.
4 figure grid reference	This locates a grid square on a map.
eastings	The vertical lines on a map.
northings	The horizontal lines on a map.
longitude	Imaginary lines that run from north to south across earth.
Prime Meridian	An imaginary line that divides the earth into eastern and western hemispheres.