



Year 4 The United Kingdom

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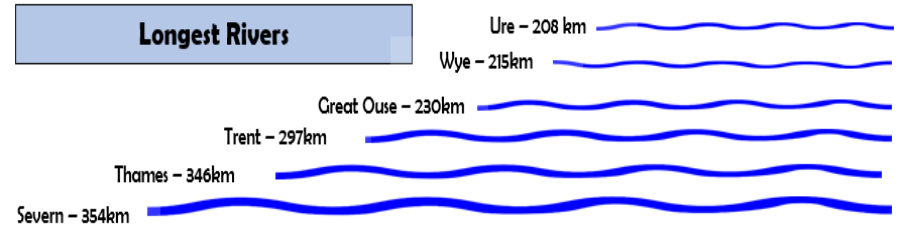
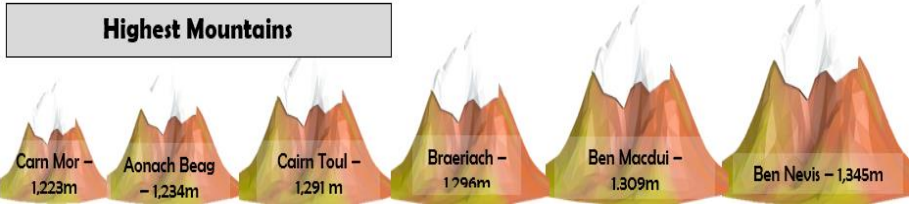


Stonehenge	London Eye	Snowdonia, Wales	Giant's Causeway, N.Ire
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Vocabulary	
geology	the land forms and rocks of a particular place on the earth
industry	Work involving turning raw materials into finished products
agriculture	Work involving the growing crops and farming animals
urban	having to do with a city or town
rural	having to do with country life
democracy	a form of government in which power rests with the people, through elected representatives.
diversity	A large variety
migration	to move from one region into another and change location



Regions of England



Physical Geography Features				
Natural Resources		About 75% of land in the UK is suitable for farming – farmers both grow crops and rear animals. Oil and natural gas are also produced. Britain also has rich deposits of coal.	What? Coal production is down one-fifth since the mid-20 th Century.	Key Fact: Crops are grown on flatter land, animals reared on more mountainous zones.
National Parks		There are 15 National Parks across England, Scotland and Wales, which have all been created since 1950. National Parks aim to protect the outstanding countryside in their area, and provide recreation opportunities.	What? The largest National Park is called Cairngorms in Scotland, at 3,800 km ²	Key Fact: National Parks account for 10% of the total land in England, and 20% of Wales.
Climate and Weather		The UK has a reputation for grey skies, and indeed over half of all days are overcast. In general, the south is warmer and brighter than the north.	Where? The east coast of the United Kingdom is drier than the west coast.	Key Fact: Northern Scotland has on average 5 hours of sun a day, whilst the Isle of Wight in the south has 8 hours.
Loch Ness		Loch Ness is a large, deep freshwater lake in the Scottish Highlands. For years, there was rumoured to be a monster ('Nessie') living in the lake, but this was later revealed to be a hoax!	Where? Loch Ness is 37km southwest of Inverness.	Key Fact: The Loch Ness Monster was first reported on in 1933.
Topography		The UK has 6 mountain ranges and the highest peaks are: Ben Nevis [Scotland], Snowdon [Wales], Scafell Pike [England] and Slieve Donard [N. Ire]	Where? The highest mountains on Great Britain are in the Scottish Highlands.	Key Fact: You could say the UK's tallest mountain is actually Mount Hope, in British Antarctic Territory, at 3239m!

Human Geography Features				
Population Densities		The overall population density of the UK is 259 people per square kilometre. England is the most densely populated of the constituent countries – especially the English southeast, where one third of UK's population lives.	What? A low birth rate means that the population of the UK is slow-growing.	Key Fact: The population density of London is 5,200 per km ²
Ethnic Groups		For centuries, people have migrated to Britain from different parts of the world. Almost 87% of the population are white, with many people descended from previous invaders and settlers e.g. Angles, Saxons, Jutes, Vikings, and Romans	Who? Those from Indian backgrounds account for 2.4% of the UK population.	Key Fact: Large communities of Caribbean and South Asians have lived in the UK since the 1950s and 1960s.
The Monarchy		Britain is a constitutional monarchy – it has a Royal Family, but they do not make most of the decisions for the country (it is a democracy). The current monarch is Queen Elizabeth II, who has been the queen of the country since 1952.	When? Elizabeth's coronation was on 6 th February 1952, a reign of over 67 years!	Key Fact: In the Middle Ages, there used to be separate monarchs for different areas of the country.
Sports/ Recreation		Sport plays a major part in UK culture. Several sports were founded in the UK, e.g. football, rugby, cricket, netball and tennis. Football is the most popular sport, with the FA Premier League the most watched in the world.	What? 15.3 million people regularly play sport in the UK.	Key Fact: In the UK, around 2.9 million people participate each week.