

The United Kingdom



Country	Flag	Capital City	Population
United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland		London	66 million
England		London	55.6 million
Scotland		Edinburgh	5.4 million
Wales		Cardiff	3.1 million
Northern Ireland		Belfast	1.8 million

Key Facts

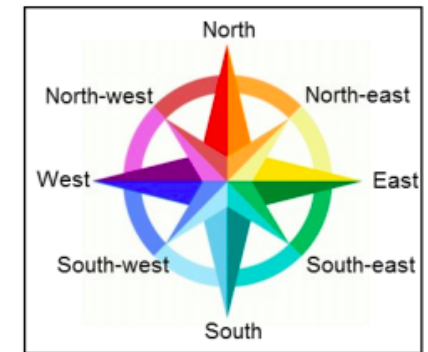


- The United Kingdom (UK) is officially known as the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
- The UK includes the island of Great Britain, Northern Ireland and many smaller islands.
- The UK is made up of four countries, each of which has a flag and a capital city.
- Great Britain is an island and is surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean, the North Sea, the Irish Sea and the English Channel.
- The Republic of Ireland is not part of the United Kingdom.
- The United Kingdom is in Europe.
- The four cardinal directions are North, East, South and West

Glossary

1	capital city	the main city of a country where the government sits
2	cardinal directions	North, South, East and West
3	compass rose	a figure used to display the cardinal and intermediate directions on a map
4	continents	the name given to one of the world's main continuous expanses of land. It is generally accepted there are 7 continents.
5	country	an area of land controlled by its own government
6	flag	the symbol or emblem of a country
7	grid reference	a map reference showing location in terms of vertical and horizontal lines expressed in letters or numbers
8	Island	a piece of land surrounded by water
9	intermediate directions	North-East, South-East, North-West, South-West
10	ocean	An expanse of salt water deeper and covering a larger area than a sea
11	population	The number of inhabitants of a particular place
12	sea	A large expanse of salt water

Compass Points



Union Jack

Officially known as the Union Flag, the flag of the United Kingdom is popularly known as the Union Jack. The flag combines the symbols of England's patron saint St George, Scotland's patron saint, St Andrew, and Ireland's patron saint, St Patrick. Wales is not shown because when the first version was created in 1606, Wales was part of England.