



The Great British Road Trip Year 3



Map and Overview



The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, also known as the UK, is a country located off the north-eastern coast of mainland Europe.

It contains the constituent countries of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The capital city of England is London, Scotland is Edinburgh, Wales is Cardiff and Northern Ireland is Belfast. London is the capital of the UK.

The land area of the UK is around 242,500km² and the population is around 66 million.

Divisions of the Earth

Equator		The equator is an imaginary line that divides the Earth in half. The equator is an equal distance between the North and South Poles. The weather on the equator is hot all year round. At the equator, day and night are both 12 hours long.
Northern Hemisphere		The part of the Earth north of the equator is called the northern hemisphere. 80% of the world's population lives in the northern hemisphere. 90% of land is in the northern hemisphere. The northern hemisphere includes all of north America, Europe and most of Asia and Africa.
Southern Hemisphere		The part of the Earth south of the equator is called the southern hemisphere. Only 20% of the world's population lives in the southern hemisphere. 90% of the planet's water is in the southern hemisphere. The southern hemisphere includes all of Australia, Antarctica and most of South America.
Tropic of Cancer		The tropic of Cancer is an imaginary line in the northern hemisphere. It is also called the northern tropic. It is the furthest north you can ever go and still have the sun directly overhead. This happens once a year in June. This day is called the solstice.
Tropic of Capricorn		The tropic of Capricorn is an imaginary line in the southern hemisphere. It is the opposite of the tropic of Cancer. Similar to the tropic of Cancer, it is the furthest south you can go and still have the sun directly overhead. This happens once a year in December. This day is also called the solstice.

Places in the United Kingdom

Most Populous UK counties (people)

- Greater London – 8.8 million
- West Midlands – 2.9 million
- Greater Manchester – 2.8 million
- West Yorkshire – 2.3 million
- Essex – 1.8 million

The UK is current split into

100 geographic counties – 48 in England, 33 in Scotland, 13 in Wales and 6 in Northern Ireland.

Most populous UK cities (people)

- London – 9.75 million
- Birmingham – 2.5 million
- Manchester – 1.9 million
- Glasgow – 1.1 million
- Newcastle – 837,500



Cardiff

Cardiff is the capital and largest city of Wales, and the 11th-largest city in the UK. It is the seat of the National Assembly for Wales. Cardiff is Wales' chief commercial centre, and its most visited city. Cardiff has undergone major development recently, to create new and vast business and sporting districts, including the Principality Stadium.

Belfast

Belfast is the capital and largest city of Northern Ireland. Since the early 19th Century, Belfast has been a major port, playing a key role in the Industrial Revolution and was the place in which *The Titanic* was built. Belfast was the scene of widespread violence in 'The Troubles' of the 1980s and 1990s, however it is now ranked as one of the UK's safest cities.



London

London is the capital and largest city of England and the United Kingdom. Founded by the Romans, London stands on the south-east coast of England on the River Thames. London is deemed to be an important global city and is an important world financial/political centre. Famous landmarks include Big Ben and Buckingham Palace.

Edinburgh

Edinburgh is the capital city of Scotland and is the seat of the Scottish Government and Parliament. The city is a well-known centre of education, law, medicine and philosophy, and is the second-biggest financial centre (after London). It is widely considered to be an extremely beautiful city and is amongst Britain's most visited tourist centres.



Vocabulary

Physical features	North West	Latitude	London	Edinburgh
East of England	Carrauntoohil	Arctic circle	Ben Nevis	Belfast
Snowdon	Severn	South West	Thames	Pennines
Avon	Tropics of Capricorn	East Midlands	Hemisphere	Scafell Pike
Tropics of Cancer	Birmingham	Longitude	Cardiff	Manchester

Rivers

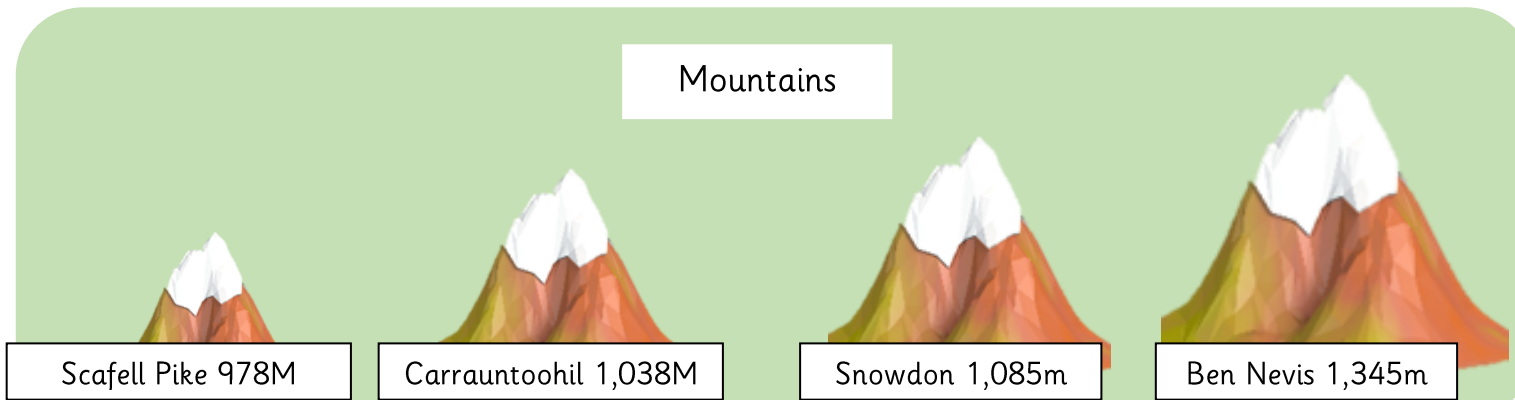
Avon 154 KM

Thames 346 KM

Severn 354 KM



Mountains



Scafell Pike 978M

Carrauntoohil 1,038M

Snowdon 1,085m

Ben Nevis 1,345m