

# Great British Road Trip - Year 3



## Compass

The main points on a compass are north, east, south and west. However, there are other points in between these that can help us — north east, south east, south west and north west.

# Hills and Mountains

Hills and mountains are raised areas of land — they can be a range of different heights. Mountains are often represented by triangles on a map. In the UK, Ben Nevis (in Scotland) is the highest mountain. Snowdon is the highest mountain in Wales, Scafell Pike is the highest mountain in England and Slieve Donard is the highest mountain in Northern Ireland. Coloured keys on maps can help you to find hilly areas.

### Rivers and Coasts

The UK has lots of rivers, all of which run to the coast to join the sea. The UK is surrounded by the North Sea on the east coast, the English Channel on the South Coast, the Celtic Sea and the Irish Sea on the west coast, and the North Atlantic Ocean on the north west cost. The longest river in the UK is the River Severn.

# Cities of the UK

The UK has many cities. On page 17 of your atlas, they are shown with yellow circles or yellow squares. Aylesbury is near Oxford and Milton Keynes.

#### <u>Counties</u>

England is split into 27 counties. These are regions that are larger than cities. Aylesbury is in the county of Buckinghamshire. Other towns in Buckinghamshire include High Wycombe, Amersham and Beaconsfield.



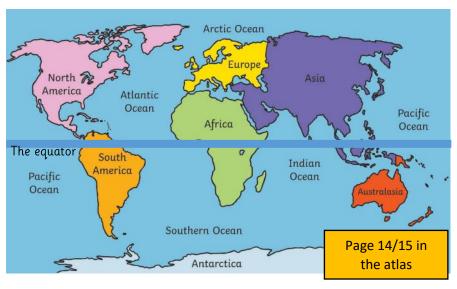




#### <u>Digimaps</u>

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# The Hemispheres

The equator is a line of latitude that goes around the centre of the Earth. North of the line is called the Northern hemisphere, and south of the line is called the Southern hemisphere. The Arctic Circle is found at the most northern point of the world. The Antarctic Circle is found at the most southern point of the world.

#### The Lake District

The Lake District is an area in the north west of England. It is in the county of Cumbria. It has got a number of locations that are areas of outstanding beauty and it is visited by tourists from all over the world. There are many lakes (such as Lake Windermere) and many hilly areas, including Scafell Pike, the highest peak in England. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, which means it is very important.





Symbol	Meaning
M1 or A6(M)	Motorway
A30	Main road
	Footpath
	Bridleway
	Train station (single black line on its own means rail track).
* * *	Forest
	Important building
•	Bus or coach station
FB	Footbridge
	Mud
$\sim$	River

## OS Maps

Ordnance Survey (or OS) maps use different symbols to represent different human and physical features. A key is then used to tell the reader what each symbol represents. OS maps are a very useful way of showing extra detail on a map.