



Passport to Europe - Year 4



Iceland

Iceland is an island country in Northern Europe. It is so far north that it is nearly in the Arctic Circle. Iceland is famous for its waterfalls, geysers, glaciers and volcanoes. At the right time of year, you can see the Northern Lights in Iceland!



The Netherlands

The Netherlands is a country in Northern Europe. Its capital city is Amsterdam and it has a population of over 17 million. The Netherlands is famous for growing tulips and for its windmills. Amsterdam is made up of lots of man-made canals.



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The UK

Land is used in lots of different ways in the UK. Some is **urban** (used for cities and towns) and some is **rural** (countryside). The majority of the UK is rural land. Lots of the UK is used for farming, as you can see in the table below.

How is Land Used?

90% of land in the UK is **rural**.
10% of the UK is **urban**.

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The Tropics

Lines of latitude run from east to west (horizontally) around the Earth. The equator runs around the centre of the Earth. The Tropic of Cancer is a line of latitude in the Northern Hemisphere, and the Tropic of Capricorn is a line of latitude in the Southern Hemisphere.

Europe

Europe is a continent in the Northern Hemisphere. It is the continent that we live in. It is made up of 44 countries. Europe has a number of different climates – look at pages 66 and 67 in your atlas to explore them!

Trade

Countries can't grow or make everything that they need, so they often need to trade with each other by **importing** things they can't make and **exporting** things that other countries need. This has been happening throughout history. The UK's main exports are cars and precious metals, with most of them going to the USA and Germany. The UK's main imports are clothes and electronic machinery. The UK imports the most things from China.



Spain

Spain is a country in Southern Europe. Its capital city is Madrid. It has a population of over 47 million. Spain has a number of famous landmarks such as the Sagrada Familia, which is in Barcelona. Spain is a very popular tourist destination.

Italy

Italy is a country in Southern Europe. It is famous for its beautiful countryside in places such as Tuscany. In the south of Italy there are two famous volcanoes – Mount Vesuvius and Mount Etna, which is the tallest active volcano in Europe!



| Key Vocabulary | | | |
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| settlement | A place where people live. | lines of latitude | Imaginary lines that run from east to west around Earth. |
| import | Goods and resources that are bought into a place. | lines of longitude | Imaginary lines that run from north to south around Earth. |
| export | Goods and resources that are sold to other places. | trade | The buying and selling of goods and services. |



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