

Topic: Counties and Cities of the UK

Year 6

Strand: Locational Knowledge / Human and Physical Geography

What should I already know?

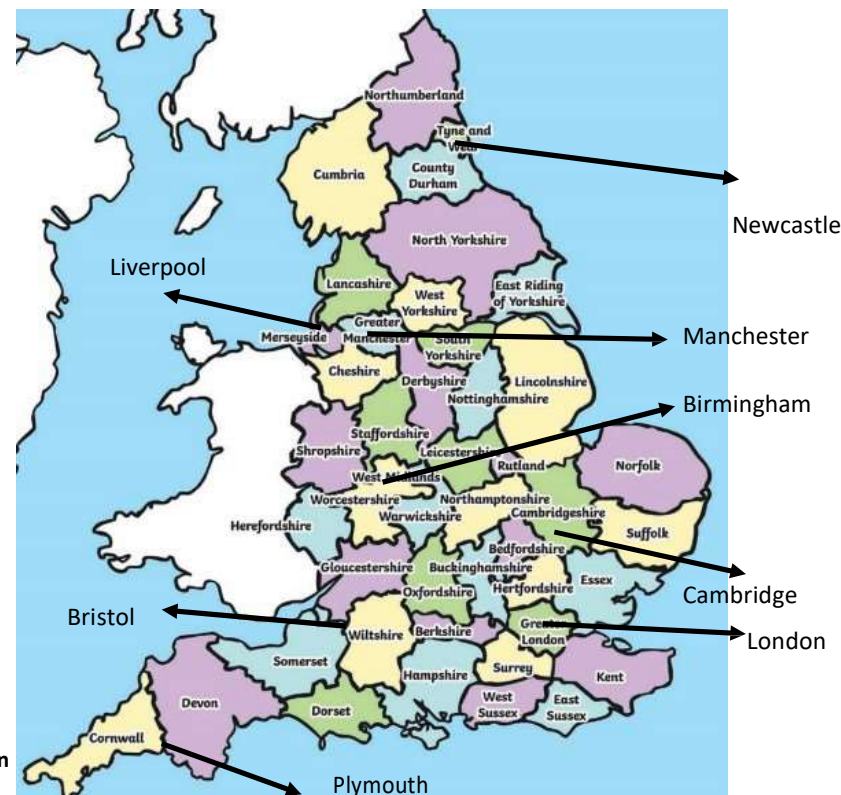
- The **city** I live in is called Hereford, which is in the West Midlands. There are **villages, towns and cities** in the West Midlands. Within the West Midlands, there are many rural and urban areas.
- The West Midlands is in England, which is a **country**. England, which is in the United Kingdom, is in the **continent** of Europe.
- The capital **cities** of the four **countries** that make up the United Kingdom and their characteristics.
- The surrounding seas of the United Kingdom.
- Land-use patterns in the local area and how they have changed over time.
- The terms **urban** and **rural** and use them to describe areas of the UK.
- How to locate places using four figure grid references.
- How to identify features such as hills, mountains, coasts and rivers on a map.

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork

- Use maps to compare land use in Hereford and land use in London and Bristol. Create a key using symbols to show what different features are.
- Study Ordnance Survey **topographical** maps to plot land use patterns and features of **counties** of the UK.
- Research how the **population** of Herefordshire has changed over time. Present this in a graph.
- Compare **urban** and **rural** areas using six-figure grid references.

Largest cities of the UK (by population)*

City Region	Approximate population
Greater London	8,674,000
West Midlands	2,834,000
Greater Manchester	2,756,000
West Yorkshire	2,282,000
North East	1,957,000
Glasgow	1,804,000
Liverpool	1,525,000
Cardiff	1,505,000
Sheffield	1,375,000
Edinburgh	1,350,000



Characteristics of the UK

Landmarks



Canterbury Cathedral



Angel of the North



Roman Baths



Stonehenge



Clifton Suspension Bridge



Edinburgh Castle

Physical Features



River Severn



Lake District



Land's End



Ben Nevis



White Cliffs of Dover



The Needles

*Office for National Statistics - Population Dynamics of UK City Regions

Vocabulary

topographical

the **physical features** of an area of land, for example its hills, valleys, and rivers

Related Reads

The Big Book of the UK: Facts, folklore and fascinations from around the United Kingdom. By Williams and Lockhart.

Children's History of Bristol (Hometown World). By Amos

New KS2 Discover & Learn: Geography - United Kingdom Study Book (CGP KS2 Geography)

England (Living in the UK) by Lynch