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United Kingdom

The United Kingdom is in Europe. It is made up of England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The capital city of the United Kingdom is London.



Physical features The landscape of the United Kingdom has many different physical features.



river



flatland





mountain

forest

Weather

The United Kingdom has four seasons. These are spring, summer, autumn and winter. The weather can be very warm and sunny in the summer. In the winter, the weather can be cold and snowy. There can also be lots of rain all year round.





winter

spring



autumn

summer





As well as being the capital city of the United Kingdom, London is also the capital city of England. It is the largest city in the United Kingdom. Over eight million people live in London. The River Thames is the main river that runs through the city.

Landmarks

A landmark is a feature, such as a building, that can be seen from far away. A landmark can help you to describe your location. London has many famous landmarks.





Houses of Parliament

Tower Bridge





London Eye





St Paul's Cathedral

The Gherkin



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Great Fire of London

Thomas Farriner was the baker of King Charles II. His bakery shop was on Pudding Lane in London. A spark from one of his ovens started a terrible fire

on Sunday 2nd September 1666. It was known as the Great Fire of London.

Timeline

Sunday	The fire spread along Pudding Lane. King Charles II asked for wooden houses to be knocked down to make gaps in the streets to stop the fire from spreading. His plan didn't work.	
Monday	Many people packed their belongings and left the city. The fire reached the Tower of London but the tower didn't catch fire.	
Tuesday	The main street in London, Cheapside, caught fire. The fire reached St Paul's Cathedral and burned it to the ground.	
Wednesday	The wind blew the fire towards the river. The fire reached the river and died down.	
Thursday	Hundreds of soldiers started to clean the streets and put out small fires that were still burning.	
Friday	The fire was out.	

Life in a city

A city is a large, busy settlement where lots of people live and work. A city usually has a cathedral, a river, important buildings and offices where people work. There are lots of things to see and do in a city. There are many shops and restaurants to visit



Aerial view of London

Settlements

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Glossary

A place where bread, cakes and pastries are made and sold.
A city that is home to the government and ruler of a country.
A large, important church.
A large area of land that has its own government
A feature, such as a building or statue which can be seen from far away.
A place where people live and work.