

What on Earth? What is a Region?

Overview of unit / topic

In this topic, children will learn what a region is about the different regions of our world and the United Kingdom. They will look closely at their region, the North West, and find out key features of this region. By the end of this unit, children will be able to locate and name major cities and towns of the UK and also the 9 major regions.

Key Questions

What on earth?

What are the significant lines of latitude?

What sights are worth seeing in the capitals of the British Isles?

What are the regions of the United Kingdom like?

What is a region?

What are the capital cities of England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales?

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What is the highest peak in the British Isles?

Which body of water separates England from Ireland?

What are some of the key features of the North West?

Key Vocabulary

Earth	Earth is the third planet from the Sun
Globe	A globe is a spherical model of Earth.
Antarctic Circle	The Antarctic Circle is one of the five major circles of latitude that mark maps of the Earth.
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Equator	An equator is an imaginary line around the middle of a planet.
Latitude:	Latitude is the measurement of distance north or south of the Equator.
Northern Hemisphere	The Northern Hemisphere is the part of the planet that is north of the equator. It has about 90 percent of the world's population and most of the world's land.
Southern Hemisphere	The Southern hemisphere is the half of Earth that is south of the equator. It has about 10 percent of world's population and only a small part of the world's land.
Tropic of Cancer	The Tropic of Cancer is an imaginary latitude line located above the equator that runs across the globe at about 23 degrees north.
Tropic of Capricorn	The Tropic of Capricorn is an imaginary latitude line located below the equator that runs across the globe at about 23 degrees south.
British Isles	The British Isles are made up of: Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales.
United Kingdom	The United Kingdom (owned by the British crown) includes: Northern Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales.
Great Britain	Great Britain is simply the land mass that incorporates Scotland, England and Wales.
Region	An area, especially part of a country.
County	A county is a region of a country
Capital	The city or town that functions as the seat of government

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Key Knowledge and Understanding: What will we be learning about in this unit / topic?

What on earth?

Finding significant places and features on a globe and a world map.

- Comparing maps and satellite imagery.
- Identifying important lines of latitude.
- Finding countries and features on important lines of latitude – equator, tropic of Cancer and tropic of Capricorn
- Looking at countries and capitals of the UK. (recap on KS1)
- Locating significant places, features and regions on different maps of the UK **Identifying human and physical characteristics and key topographical features (including hills, mountains and coasts and rivers).**
- Identifying and questioning features of oblique and vertical aerial photographs.

What is a region?

- Explaining the difference between Great Britain, the UK, and the British Isles.
- Locating England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- Locating the major cities and towns of the UK.
- Locating the 9 governmental regions of England on a map.
- Locating the North West and its counties and major cities.
- Knowing the key features of the North West region.