

Year Three Knowledge Organiser: UK Mapping: What are the key features of the United Kingdom?

Talking points at home:

Which place would you like visit and why?



National Curriculum Specification

To name and locate human and physical characteristics of the UK.
To name and locate counties and cities of the UK.

The UK (United Kingdom) is made up of 4 countries; Northern Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales.

The **physical geography** of the UK is very varied (**this means there's lots of different physical features.**)

England consists of mostly flat land, the steeper areas include the Lake District the Pennines, the North Yorkshire Moors, Exmoor and Dartmoor.

Scotland is the most mountainous country in the UK and its physical geography is distinguished by the Highlands which include several mountains.

Wales also has mountains and is where the longest river in the UK starts.

Northern Ireland consists of mostly hilly landscape and has the largest lake.

The **tallest mountain** in the UK (and British Isles) is **Ben Nevis** in Scotland.

The **longest river** is the **River Severn** which flows from Wales into England.

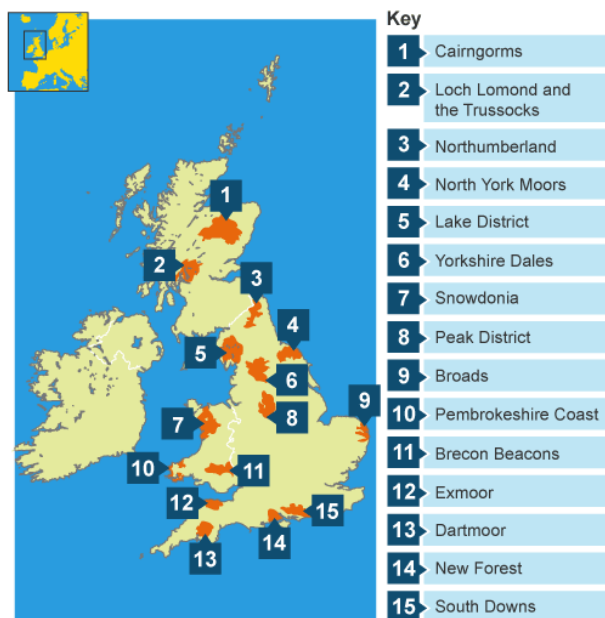
The **largest lake** by surface area is **Lough Neagh** in **Northern Ireland**, though **Loch Ness** in Scotland has the largest volume.

Some physical features are **natural**, this means they were **made by nature** but some are **man-made**, this means that **people made them**.

Canals for example are **man made**, the canals of Birmingham were made to transport goods to other places.

Loch Ness is a **natural lake** in Scotland. It was created millions of years ago when the dinosaurs roamed the land.

This map shows the mountainous terrain of the UK.



Counties of the UK:

England = 48

Wales = 13

Scotland = 33

Northern Ireland = 6

These counties have many cities spread across them

The largest city is London which is also the capital of England.

