



Our Country

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This Our Country unit will teach your class about the countries of the UK developing learning beyond children's immediate environment and own locality to the UK in general. Children will explore the UK by looking at individual countries, capital cities, human and physical features along with comparing and contrasting the capital cities of London and Brasilia in detail. This unit provides everything you need to give your class a greater insight into the UK and beyond.

Key Vocabulary

town country countryside capital city population
 landmark pro con UK island



Countries in the United Kingdom

England: England is the largest **country** in the **UK**. London is the **capital city**. Many parts of England are flat but there is also lots of rural **countryside** with rolling hills and valleys in the north.

Scotland: Scotland is a **country** in the north of the **UK**. Edinburgh is the **capital city**. Scotland has large mountains including Ben Nevis, which is the largest in the **UK**.

Northern Ireland: Northern Ireland is the smallest **country** in the **UK**. Belfast is the **capital city**. One of the most famous **landmarks** is Giant's Causeway (natural rock steps mostly hexagonal in shape).

Wales: Wales is a mountainous **country** in the west of the **UK**. Cardiff is the **capital city**. Wales has its own language (Welsh). Not everyone there speaks it though.

London

London is the **capital city** of the **UK**. It is the largest city in England. It has a **population** of about nine million people.

London is found in the Northern Hemisphere.

London has a temperate climate. This means that temperatures vary all year round but are generally not extremely hot or extremely cold. Weather is seasonal and summers are often warm and winters are often cool.

Brasília

Brasília is the **capital city** of Brazil - the largest **country** in South America. It has a **population** of about four and a half million people (as of 2020).

Brasília is found in the Southern Hemisphere.

Brasília has a tropical climate with two main seasons: a rainy season from October to April and a dry season from May to September.

