Learning Objective:
To be able to identify and describe key geographical features of the United Kingdom.
How would you describe the United Kingdom to someone who doesn’t know anything about it?

What information could you tell them?
Let’s test how much you know about the United Kingdom! See if you can guess the correct answer for each of the following questions. Are you ready?!
How many different countries form the United Kingdom?

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The answer is 4! England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland are the 4 countries of the United Kingdom.
How big is the United Kingdom?

- 1,324,645 km²
- 243,610 km²
- 53,672 km²
- 9216 km²
The answer is 243,610 km².

The United Kingdom is the 80th largest country in the world. It is the 12th largest country in Europe.

Did you know that you could fit the UK into the USA 38 times?!
What is the population of the UK?

- 63 million
- 120 million
- 11 million
- 4 million
There are 63 million people living in the United Kingdom. If you spread this out over the whole country, it means that for every square kilometre there would be approximately 260 people. However, the population is not evenly distributed. England makes up around 84% of the population, Wales around 5%, Scotland 9% and Northern Ireland 2%.

The answer is 63 million!
What is the average life expectancy for babies born in the UK?

- 72.34 years
- 93.65 years
- 67.21 years
- 80.29 years
The answer is 80.29!

This is the average life expectancy for the whole population. Men have a slightly lower life expectancy of 78.16 years and women have a slightly higher life expectancy of 82.54 years.

Did you know that a person in their eighties is called an octogenarian?
What percentage of the population live in urban areas (towns) as opposed to rural areas?
The answer is 80%!

4 out of 5 people in the UK live in a town or city and only 1 in 5 live in a rural area.

Well done!
Now see if you can spot where Great Britain is on the world map on the next slide...
Where is the UK? Can you explain where it is in relation to other places?
The United Kingdom is officially called The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It consists of two main islands (England, Scotland and Wales on one, and Northern Ireland on the other), as well as several smaller islands around it.
The UK is in the continent of Europe. Its closest neighbours are the Republic of Ireland and France. It lies between the North Atlantic Ocean and the North Sea.

Which other countries are near to the UK?
The UK is divided into four countries, each of which has its own capital city. However, London is the capital of the United Kingdom as a whole and is where the country is run from.

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Plenary:
This is the Union Flag, also known as the Union Jack. It is the national flag of the United Kingdom and represents the joining together of the four countries.

Can you explain how it does this?
The Union Jack combines the cross of St Andrew (Scotland), St George (England and Wales) and the cross of St Patrick (Ireland).

This diagram shows how the flag was constructed.