

Term 2 - Geography Knowledge Organiser

Changes In Our Local Environment

Did you know?

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland lies in Europe, located north-west off the European mainland. It includes the island of Great Britain, the north-eastern part of the island of Ireland, and other smaller islands.

The UK is the world's 22nd most-populated country, with some 66 million inhabitants. London, the capital city, covers the third-largest urban area in Europe.

UK Economy The UK has the sixth-largest national economy in the world. The service sector contributes around 78% of GDP; the financial services industry is particularly key and London is the world's largest financial centre, together with New York. Tourism is a vital industry, with the UK listed as the sixth top world tourist destination. The pharmaceutical and automotive industries are also major employers and exporters. There are significant regional variations in wealth: southeast England and south Scotland are the richest areas.

Country	A country is land that is controlled by a single government.
County	An area of a country with its own local government.
Great Britain	The collective name for England, Scotland and Wales.
The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	The political name for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
Town	A built-up area with a name, defined boundaries, and local government, that is larger than a village and generally smaller than a city.
City	A large town with a dense population. The Queen can change the status of a town to a city.
Physical Features	Physical features like seas, mountains and rivers are natural. They would be here even if there were no people around.
Human Features	Human features like houses, roads and bridges are things that have been built by people.
Sustainability	Not using natural resources at a rate that would mean they run out.
Past, Present, Future	A time before now, occurring now, at a later time.
Council	A group of elected people who manage the running of a town, city or county.

UK regions Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland; Northeast England, Northwest England, Yorkshire and the Humber, East Midlands, West Midlands, East of England, Greater London, Southeast England, Southwest England.

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