

Vocabulary	Meaning
government	a group of people with the authority to govern a country or state
capital city	the city where government is based
counties	the division of some countries
monarchy	a form of government in which a person, the monarch, is head of state for life
parliament	responsible for making laws, deciding taxes and government
culture	the way of life, especially the customs and beliefs, of a particular group of people
population	the number of people that live together in the same place
loch	the Scottish word for lake
Snowdon	the highest mountain in Wales
Patron Saint	a special guardian of a person, group of people or country
Cymru	the name for Wales in Welsh
causeway	a raised road (bridge) often running across water or swampy land
Gaelic	the Celtic language of Ireland
archaeological site	a place where there is evidence of past activity, for example, castle ruins
national emblem	the official object or a picture that represents a nation
influence	the power to have an important effect on someone or something

Key knowledge – How many countries are there in Great Britain?



The UK isn't 1 country but 4. Made up of 3 countries from Great Britain (England, Scotland, Wales) and Northern Ireland. The full name for the UK is the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Each country has their own flag, their own landmark and their own capital cities.

Key knowledge – What is a landmark?

A landmark is an object of a landscape that is easily seen and recognised from a distance.



Key knowledge – What is a county?



Each of these countries has a distinct feel with varied landscapes, regional cultures and different things to see and do. The United Kingdom is divided into counties that usually end in –shire e.g. Hertfordshire.