

## Geography Knowledge Map: Year 7: Where do I Live?

### Makeup of the British Isles:

This is the **British Isles**.

It includes two countries:

- The **United Kingdom**  
(Includes Northern Ireland and Scotland)
- The **Republic of Ireland**

The United Kingdom is made up of four regions:

- **England**
- **Scotland**
- **Wales**
- **Northern Ireland**



Great Britain does NOT include Island of Ireland

### Human Geography & Physical Geography:

**Human** geography is about that is made by people.  
**Physical** geography is about that is made by nature.

Examples from the UK:

- Human geography:
  - **Towns** (i.e. Bedford) and **cities** (i.e. London)
  - **Buildings** (i.e. Buckingham Palace)
  - **Monuments** (i.e. Stonehenge)
  - **Theme parks** (i.e. Alton Towers)
- Physical geography:
  - **Mountains** (i.e. Ben Nevis)
  - **Rivers** (i.e. River Great Ouse)
  - **Lakes** (i.e. Lake Windermere)
  - **Forests** (i.e. Sherwood Forest)

### National Anthems:

National Anthems are very important. They are used to **symbolise** a country. They are also used to **show support** of something that your country is doing (like at a sporting event).

British National Anthems:

- UK – **God Save the Queen** (or King)
- Scotland – **Scotland the Brave**
- Wales – **Mae Hen Wlad Fy Nhaddau** (Land of My Fathers)
- Ireland – **Danny Boy**
- England – **Jerusalem** (this is not an official National Anthem)

### Understanding British Weather:

**Climate** is the average weather expected at a particular place at a particular time of year.

**Weather** is the day-by-day, hour-by-hour changing conditions of the atmosphere around us.

British weather is controlled by a variety of things:

- **Latitude** (how far from the equator you are)
- **Altitude** (how high up you are)
- **Continentality** (how far from the sea you are)
- **Seasonality** (what time of year it is)
- **Landscape** (what is between you and the incoming weather)

**Weather symbols** are used by the **Met Office** (the people responsible for forecasting the weather in the UK).

In winter, a warm ocean current called the North Atlantic Drift warms the west coast. So the east coast is the coldest part in winter.

### Continents and Countries and Counties

A continent is a large mass of land made up of several countries. There are 7 continents.

There are 48 counties in the UK, for example, Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire.

### Population Density

The population density of a place is the average number of people per square kilometre.

Low Population Density: North West Wales or Lake District  
High Population Density: London or Hull

The UK population density has changed from 1991 – 2001.

The UK's largest city is London with a population 7.17million.

### Key Words:

Population Density  
Latitude  
Altitude  
Continentality  
Seasonality  
Landscape  
England  
Scotland  
Wales  
Northern Ireland  
United Kingdom  
Republic Ireland  
Human Geography  
Physical Geography  
North Atlantic Drift  
European Union

### The European Union:

The European Union is a group of **28 member states**. Shown below is the names of the countries that are a part of the EU, and the year in which they joined:

- **1952:** Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands
- **1973:** Denmark, Republic of Ireland, United Kingdom
- **1981:** Greece
- **1983:** Portugal, Spain
- **1995:** Austria, Finland, Sweden
- **2004:** Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia
- **2007:** Bulgaria, Romania
- **2013:** Croatia

The EU tries to make countries work together to achieve equality across its members. The six main aims of the EU are:

- **Peace and stability** (try to prevent future wars)
- **Bring Europe together** (create a friendly and supportive society)
- **Ensure safety and security** (have freedom, security and justice for all)
- **Economic and social solidarity** (trade freely within the EU and be able to trade with major countries like the USA)
- **Identity and diversity** (share wealth equally, but keep the diversity of cultures across the EU)
- **Values** (equal rights for all and the respect of each other's culture, religion and language)