

Exploring the Regions of the United Kingdom

Learning objective: To identify and describe the key geographical regions of the United Kingdom and their unique characteristics.

Use your knowledge of UK geography to answer the following questions. Think about the physical features, major cities, and climates that define different parts of our country.

Finn the dolphin has been mapping the waters around the British Isles, while Nova the owl has been looking down from the sky to observe the diverse landscapes below. From the bustling cities to the quiet, rolling hills, the UK is made up of distinct regions with their own special identities.

Word bank: Highlands · Lowlands · Pennines · South East · Northern Ireland · Wales · Coastline · Urban · Rural

1. Finn is swimming around the UK. Name the four countries that make up the United Kingdom and identify the capital city for each. (4 marks)

2. Nova observes that the North of England has different physical features compared to the South East. Describe one key difference between the landscape of the Northern Pennines and the landscape of the South East of England. (2 marks)

3. Explain why the population density is generally higher in urban regions like London or Birmingham compared to rural regions in the Scottish Highlands. (2 marks)

4. If you were planning a trip to the coast of Wales, what kind of geographical features might you expect to see? Name two. (2 marks)

5. Why is the climate in the South of England often considered warmer than the climate in the North of Scotland? Consider the influence of latitude. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a labelled map of the United Kingdom. Include the four countries, one major mountain range, and one major river of your choice.



Extension challenge: Research a specific region of the UK (e.g., The Lake District or The Fens). Write three sentences describing why a tourist might want to visit that region, focusing on its unique physical geography.