

Grade 3 Geography Assessment: Exploring the Regions of the United Kingdom

Learning objective: To identify, describe, and compare the human and physical geographical features of the four nations and various regions of the United Kingdom.

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of UK geography to provide detailed answers. Remember to use full sentences for extended responses. Good luck!

Finn the dolphin has been mapping the waters around the British Isles. From his travels, he has observed that the United Kingdom is made up of four distinct nations: England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. Each nation has its own unique landscape, from the high, craggy mountains in the north to the busy, bustling cities in the south. Geography is not just about the land; it is about how people live, work, and interact with their environment.

Word bank: Topography · Climate · Industry · Population · Urban · Rural · Landmarks · Agriculture · Coastline · Plateau

1. Name the four nations of the United Kingdom and identify the capital city of each. (4 marks)

2. Explain the difference between a rural area and an urban area. Provide one example of a feature you might find in each. (3 marks)

3. Compare the physical geography of the Scottish Highlands with the geography of the South East of England. How does the topography differ? (4 marks)

4. Why do you think many major UK cities were historically built near rivers or the coastline? Justify your answer using geographical reasoning. (4 marks)

5. Identify one major mountain range and one major river found within the United Kingdom. (2 marks)

6. Imagine you are planning a trip to a different region in the UK. Describe the region you would visit, the type of weather you might expect, and one human landmark you would hope to see. Explain why this region interests you. (8 marks)

Draw: Draw a labelled sketch map of the United Kingdom. Include the four nations, the surrounding seas (North Sea, Irish Sea, Atlantic Ocean), and one major landmark (e.g., a mountain or a famous bridge).



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Greater Depth Task: What might happen to the economy of a small rural village if a new, large-scale industrial factory was built nearby? Consider both the positive and negative impacts on the local environment and the people living there.