

# EYFS EXPLORING ENGLAND



England is a country that is part of the United Kingdom. It is the country that we live in, it has a population of over 67 million people. England shares land borders with Scotland and Wales, the rest of the land is next to water. England has many cities, towns and villages. The capital city of England is called London. London is the largest city in England and stands on the River Thames. There are over 8 million people living there.

## IMPORTANT PEOPLE



### King Charles III

King Charles III is the King of the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland). He became the king in September 2022 after his mother Queen Elizabeth II died. She was the queen of the United Kingdom for 70 years. King Charles is married to Camilla. He also has 2 children called Prince William and Prince Harry.



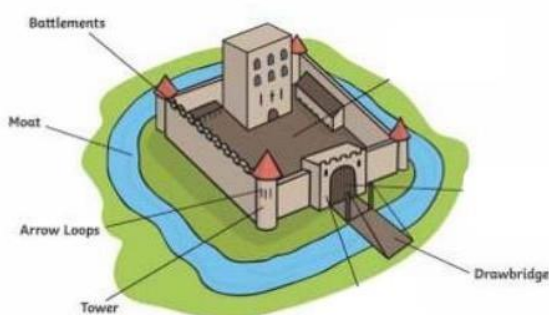
### Rishi Sunak

Rishi Sunak is the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. Rishi Sunak was born 12<sup>th</sup> May 1980. He became Prime Minister in October 2022. The Prime Minister is elected by a vote to become the leader of the government. The government make lots of important decisions such as how money is spent in different places. The Prime Minister lives at 10 Downing Street in London. The Government often complete their work and meetings in the Houses of Parliament.



## CASTLES

England is known for many castles it has had over the years. They were often of similar designs which included different features.



**Battlements** – additional pieces of stone at the top of the castle walls. This allowed the men to fire arrows or drop heavy objects on any enemies.

**Moat** – a body of water surrounding the castle. This made it very difficult for enemies to reach the castles.

**Arrow Loops** – slight gaps in the walls. These allowed arrows to be fired without exposure, protecting themselves and defeating the enemies.



Tower – a tall column part of the castle. This allowed the lookouts to see when enemies were arriving. They could also shoot arrows or drop objects from the tall height of the tower.

Drawbridge – a wooden bridge that can be in a upright or down position. The drawbridge could be raised to stop any invaders entering the castle.



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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/queen-elizabeth-ii-britains-longest-reigning/zkfh6f>

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### EXAMPLE QUESTIONS: USE HEADING 3 FOR THIS

1. What is the capital city of England?
2. Which of these countries shares a boarder with England?
3. When did King Charles III become the King?
4. Who is the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom?
5. Where does the Prime Minister live?
6. Who are King Charles' children?
7. What part of a castle can be raised up and down?
8. What is the name for the body of water surrounding a castle?