



YEAR 1 CAPITAL CITIES OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE SURROUNDING SEAS

THE CAPITAL CITIES OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

The United Kingdom is a special country made up of four smaller countries. Each of these has its own capital city. Let us learn about them!

LONDON – THE CAPITAL OF ENGLAND

London is the biggest city in the United Kingdom. It has a famous clock called Big Ben and a tall tower called the Shard. The King of England lives in Buckingham Palace in London.

EDINBURGH – THE CAPITAL OF SCOTLAND

Edinburgh is a city with a big castle on a hill. People in Scotland love to wear kilts and play bagpipes. Edinburgh has a special festival every year where people watch plays and listen to music.

CARDIFF – THE CAPITAL OF WALES

Cardiff has a big stadium where people play rugby. There is also a castle in Cardiff. Many people in Wales speak a language called Welsh as well as English.

BELFAST – THE CAPITAL OF NORTHERN IRELAND

Belfast is famous for building a big ship called the Titanic. People in Belfast love music and dancing. There are also pretty mountains and green fields near the city.

THE SURROUNDING SEAS

The United Kingdom is surrounded by sea. The water around it has different names in different places:



- **The North Sea** is on the **east coast** of the United Kingdom. It is next to England and Scotland. Fishermen catch lots of fish in this sea.
- **The Irish Sea** is between **England and Ireland**. People take boats across this sea to travel between the two countries.
- **The Atlantic Ocean** is on the **west coast** of the United Kingdom. This ocean is very big and deep. It connects to many other countries.
- **The English Channel** is in the **south**. It separates England from France. People can travel under the sea using a tunnel called the Channel Tunnel.

The sea around the United Kingdom is home to many fish, dolphins, and birds. Sometimes, you can even see seals resting on the beach!

The United Kingdom is a wonderful place with many exciting cities and a beautiful sea all around.

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What is the UK?

EXAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. What is the capital city of Scotland?
2. Which sea is on the east coast of the United Kingdom?
3. What is the name of the big clock in London?
4. Which city built the Titanic?
5. What is the name of the tunnel that goes under the English Channel?
