



## YEAR 2 HUMAN FEATURES – MAPS

### HUMAN FEATURES ON MAPS OF THE UK

Maps do not just show natural things like mountains and rivers. They also show **human features**—things that people have built or changed. Let us explore some important human features in the UK!

### CITIES AND TOWNS

Cities and towns are places where lots of people live and work. London is the largest city in the UK. Other big cities include **Manchester, Edinburgh, Cardiff, and Belfast**. On a map, cities and towns are often marked with black dots or circles and their names are written nearby.

### ROADS AND RAILWAYS

Roads help people travel from place to place. Some roads are small, but others are big motorways, like the **M25**, which goes around London. Railways are train tracks that connect towns and cities. The **London Underground** is a famous railway system. On maps, roads are usually shown with red or orange lines, and railways with black or dashed lines.

### BRIDGES AND TUNNELS

Bridges help people cross rivers, roads, or even seas! The **Forth Bridge** in Scotland is a famous railway bridge. Some places also have tunnels. The **Channel Tunnel** connects England to France under the sea. On maps, bridges and tunnels are sometimes marked with special symbols.

### FAMOUS LANDMARKS

Some human features are very special because they tell us about history or culture. The **Tower of London, Big Ben, and Stonehenge** are famous UK landmarks. These places attract many visitors. On a map, landmarks are often marked with a special symbol or name.



## WHY ARE HUMAN FEATURES IMPORTANT?

Human features help people travel, live, and learn about history. Next time you look at a map, see if you can find a city, a railway, or a famous landmark!

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#### EXAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. What is a human feature on a map?
2. Which city is the largest in the UK?
3. What is the purpose of roads and railways?
4. Name one famous landmark in the UK.
5. How do maps show towns and cities?