



The Great Britain is the eighth largest island on the planet



- The Great Britain consists of Scotland, England and Wales.
- The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (known as UK) is the Great Britain and the Northern Ireland.
- The British Isles include the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland and all the Isles.

- The UK is about halfway between the North Pole and the Equator.

- The UK is a part of Europe and east to the UK lies the mainland of Europe.
- In Victorian times (100 years ago), Britain ruled an empire that stretched around the world. London was the biggest city of the world then.
- London is the biggest city in Europe.

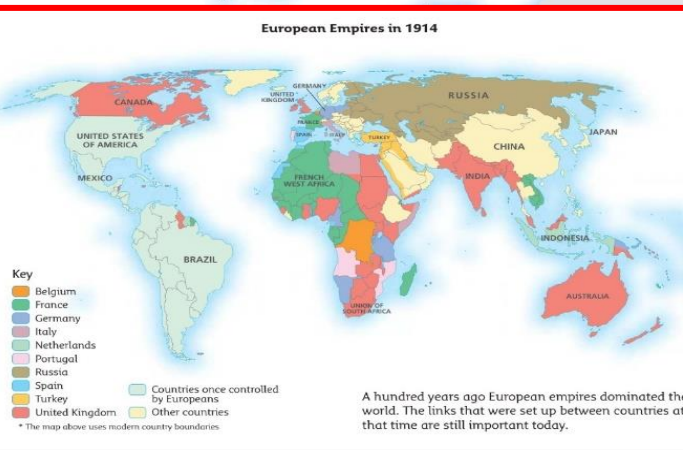
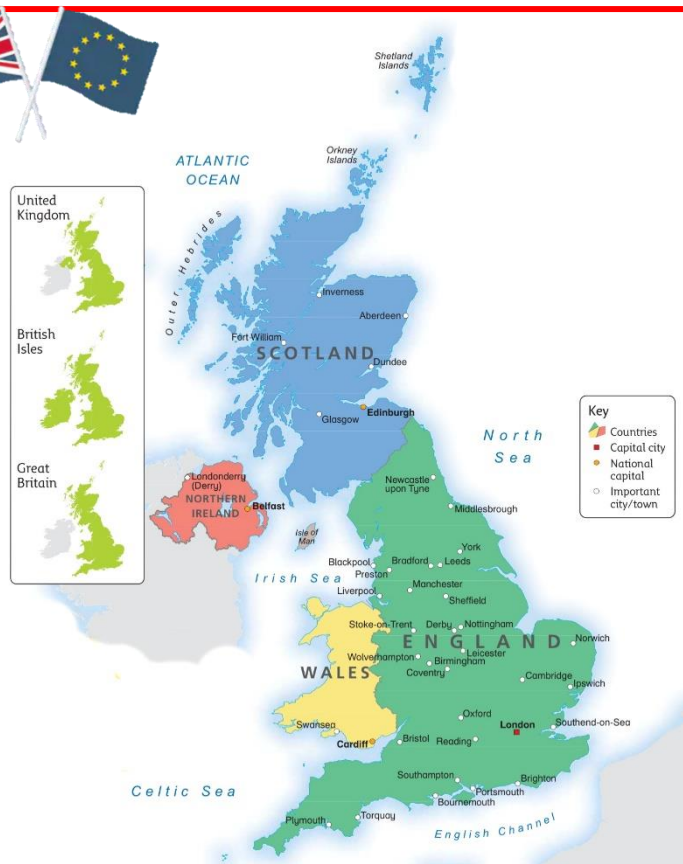
- The UK has 14 overseas territories where the UK is responsible for the defence and foreign affairs. E.g. Gibraltar and the Falklands

The UK joined the EU in 1973

UK voted to leave the EU in 2016 (known as Brexit)

As an island, the UK has only 1 land border (Republic of Ireland)

It borders several countries by sea (France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Portugal, Spain, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Iceland). These are known as maritime borders.



island	a piece of land surrounded by water
Europe	the continent the UK is a part of
European Union	The European Union is a group of countries whose governments work together. It helps its member countries with issues such as trade, security, and the rights of citizens
territory	an area of land that belongs to and is governed by a country
maritime land	located in or near the sea
British Empire	name for the lands formerly ruled by the British monarch
distance	the measure of space between things or places
cardinal directions/ cardinal points	the directions north, east, south, and west, (N, E, S, W)
border	the line between two countries
compass	an instrument for showing direction. A typical compass has a moving magnetic needle that points north.

