



Passport to the World

The U.K. and Europe



Map and Overview



- The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, also known as the UK, is a country located off the north-western coast of mainland Europe.
- It contains these countries of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- The capital city of England is London, Scotland is Edinburgh, Wales is Cardiff and Northern Ireland is Belfast. London is the capital of the UK.
- It is in the continent of Europe.
- There are many counties in England – can you name them?

Places in the United Kingdom

Most Populous UK counties (people)

1. Greater London – 8.8 million
2. West Midlands – 2.9 million
3. Greater Manchester – 2.8 million
4. West Yorkshire – 2.3 million
5. Essex – 1.8 million

The UK is current split into 100 geographic counties – 48 in England, 33 in Scotland, 13 in Wales and 6 in Northern Ireland.

Most populous UK cities (people)

1. London – 9.75 million
2. Birmingham – 2.5 million
3. Manchester – 1.9 million
4. Glasgow – 1.1 million
5. Newcastle – 837,500



London

London is the capital and largest city of England and the United Kingdom. Founded by the Romans, London stands on the south-east coast of England on the River Thames. London is deemed to be an important global city, and is an important world financial/ political centre. Famous landmarks include Big Ben and Buckingham Palace.



Edinburgh

Edinburgh is the capital city of Scotland, and is the seat of the Scottish Government and Parliament. The city is a well-known centre of education, law, medicine and philosophy, and is the second-biggest financial centre (after London). It is widely considered to be an extremely beautiful city, and is amongst Britain's most visited tourist centres.



Cardiff

Cardiff is the capital and largest city of Wales, and the 11th-largest city in the UK. It is the seat of the National Assembly for Wales. Cardiff is Wales' chief commercial centre, and also its most visited city. Cardiff has undergone major development recently, to create new and vast business and sporting



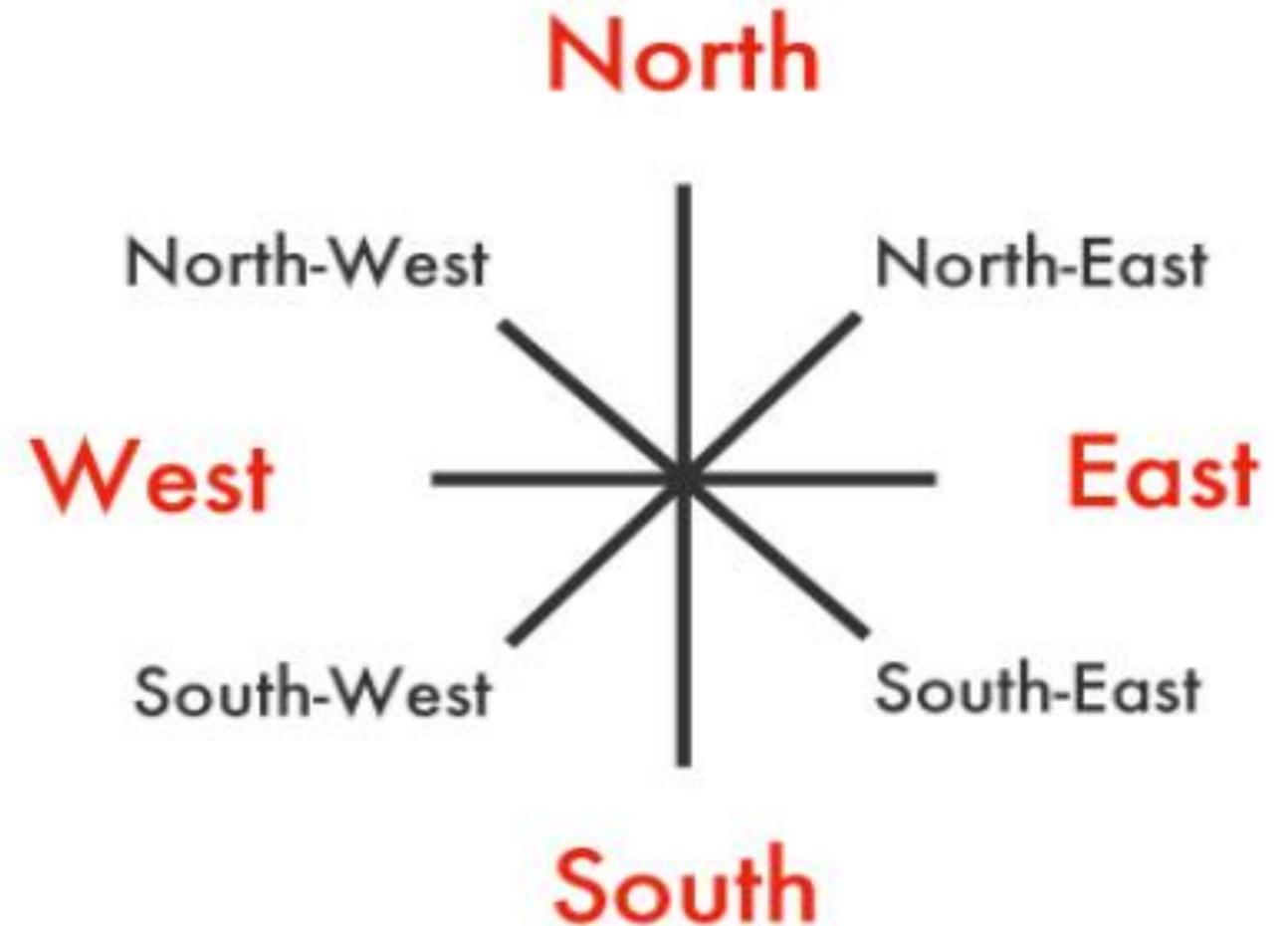
Belfast

Belfast is the capital and largest city of Northern Ireland. Since the early 19th Century, Belfast has been a major port, playing a key role in the Industrial Revolution and was the place in which *The Titanic* was built. Belfast was the scene of widespread violence in 'The Troubles' of the 1980s and 1990s, however it is now ranked as one of the UK's safest cities.

Longest Rivers



Points of the Compass



Abbreviations

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| N (North) | NW (North-West) | NE (North-East) |
| S (South) | SW (South-West) | SE (South-East) |
| E (East) | | |
| W (West) | | |