

KSI Geography – Where Would You Prefer to Live: England or Africa?



Key Vocabulary

- Countries – An area of land with its own government.
- Continents – A very large area of land with countries in them.
- Equator – An imaginary line that circles the earth halfway between the north and south poles. It faces the sun all year round.
- Oceans – A constant area of water that covers most (70%) of the earth's surface.
- Population – The number of people living in a country.
- Border – Where one country meets another.
- Capital city – A large place where the government work.
- Government - A group of people who make decisions about a country
- City - A place where people live that is larger or more important than a town.
- UK (United Kingdom) – An island made up of four countries – England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- Town - A place where people live that is smaller than a city but bigger than a village.
- Village - A small community in a countryside area.
- Hill - Rounded land that is higher than the local area.
- Mountain - A large steep hill.
- Valley - A lower part of land between two higher parts.
- Lake - A large area of water, surrounded by land.
- River - A large flow of water that crosses land, heading towards the ocean.
- Port - A town or city with a harbour.
- Harbour - A safe place for ships to load and unload.
- Beach – A small strip of land along the edge of an ocean, river or lake covered in sand, gravel, shingle, pebbles or cobblestones or sometimes shells.
- Coast – The area where the sea and land meet.
- Forest - a land area that is covered by many trees.
- Climate - The weather in a place over time.
- Seasons – One of four times of the year which have different weather and hours of the daylight.

Continents and Countries

There are 7 different continents on earth. These are – Asia, Africa, Europe, Australia, North America, South America and Antarctica. There are 195 countries in the world today. Each has it's own flag, capital city and government. The continent with the most countries is Africa – there are 54!



Oceans

The Earth has 5 Oceans – Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Arctic, Southern Oceans.

Equator

The equator is an imaginary line in the middle of the Earth. The countries that are close to the equator are hotter and drier because the Sun shines on the equator all year round. They also do not have seasons. Countries further away from the equator are colder and wetter and have seasons because they are further away from the Sun.



Countries of the United Kingdom

Climate

The United Kingdom has mild temperatures – which means warm summers and cool winters. The seasons of Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter occur.

Facts About:

England – The capital city of England is London. Big Ben is a large clock tower in London. Buckingham Palace is in London and this is where the Queen of England lives.

Scotland – The capital city of Scotland is Edinburgh. Edinburgh has a historic castle called Edinburgh castle. The highest mountain in Scotland is Ben Nevis which is 1344 metres (4409 feet) tall.

Wales – The capital city of Wales is Cardiff. Mount Snowdon is the highest mountain in Wales which is 1,085 metres (3560 feet). Wales has the longest place name in the UK. The town of 'Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwyl-llantysiliogogoch'

Northern Ireland – The capital city of Northern Ireland is Belfast. The Giant's Causeway is a famous rocky area of the coast in County Antrim in Northern Ireland. It's made up of thousands of hexagonal blocks of rock, formed by ancient volcanic eruptions. A famous ship called the Titanic set off from Belfast harbour in 1912.



Flag of Scotland



Flag of England



Flag of Northern Ireland



Flag of Wales

These flags are combined to make the flag of Great Britain/the United Kingdom called the Union Jack.



Continent of Africa

Climate

Most of Africa has either a desert climate which is very warm and dry or a tropical climate which is warm and wet.

Facts About Africa

- Africa is the second largest continent on Earth and there are 54 countries in it.
- The Sahara, in the north, is the largest desert in the world. Its nickname is the Sea of Sand. The Kalahari, in southern Africa, is a cold rocky desert. The Namib, in southwest Africa, is one of the hottest, driest places on earth.
- Mount Kilimanjaro, the tallest mountain peak in Africa, is made up of an inactive volcano.
- Many lakes have formed in the Great Rift Valley. Lake Victoria is the largest lake in Africa and the second largest freshwater lake in the world. The lake was named after Queen Victoria by British explorer John Hanning Speke.
- The river Nile is the longest river in the world, it is 4,130 miles long!

Key Landmarks of Africa

- Pyramids of Giza/Giza Necropolis
- The Temples of Abu Simbel
- Analamazaotra Special Reserve
- Mount Kilimanjaro
- The Ruins of Carthage
- Victoria Falls
- Nile River
- Serengeti National Park

