

UK Countries Capitals

KS2 Geography · Follows the national curriculum

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1. Worked example

What is the capital city of England?

Step 1 · The capital is the main city, usually where the government is based
England's capital is London

Answer: London

Check: London is also the capital of the whole United Kingdom.

2. Now try one with the steps

Is 'Britain' the same as 'the United Kingdom'?

Step 1 · Great Britain = England, Scotland and Wales (the big island)

Step 2 · The United Kingdom = Great Britain PLUS Northern Ireland

Answer:

3. Practice

Have a go at each one. There is space underneath to work it out.

1. What is the capital city of Scotland?

2. What is the capital city of Wales?

3. How many countries make up the United Kingdom?

4. What is the capital city of Northern Ireland?

5. Explain the difference between 'Great Britain' and 'the United Kingdom'.

6. Why might Edinburgh be Scotland's capital even though Glasgow has a larger population?

4. Before you hand it in

Assuming a country's biggest city is always its capital.

Check — Scotland's capital (Edinburgh) is not its biggest city (Glasgow).

Using 'Britain', 'Great Britain' and 'the UK' they mean exactly the same thing.

Great Britain = England, Scotland, Wales. UK = Great Britain + Northern Ireland.