

The UK

The United Kingdom (UK) is in Europe. It is made up of 4 countries. England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.



Islands are pieces of land that are surrounded by sea. The UK is made up of **islands**.

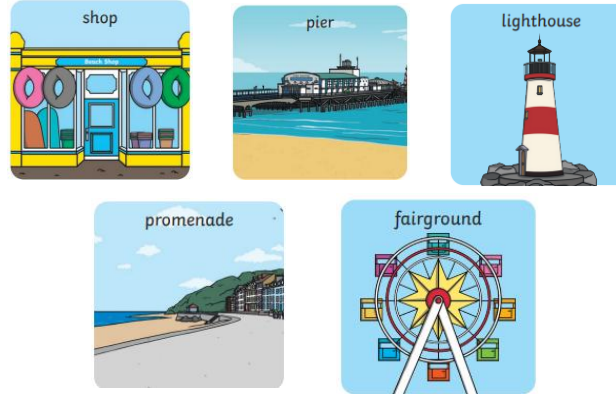
England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland are countries on the two largest **islands**.

Our nearest coastline is the East Coast. Coastal towns such as Skegness and Mablethorpe.

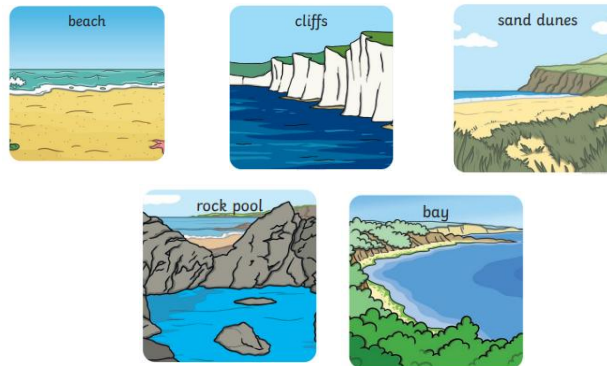
The UK - Surrounding oceans and seas



Human Geography - Found at some UK coastal places



Physical Geography - Found at some UK coastal places



England Physical Features



Key Vocabulary

Country	An area of land that has its own government and can be large or small.
Island	A piece of land, smaller than a continent, that is surrounded by water
Coastline	The boundary between the land and the sea or ocean. A coastline is part of an island , sitting along the edge of the sea. It is known as the sea or the shore.
English Channel	A narrow part of the Atlantic Ocean that separates the south coast of England from France.
Mountains	Natural raised part of Earth's surface that is higher than a hill.
Lakes	A big area of water with land all around it.
Moorland	Found in hilly areas and has poor soils and few trees.
Physical feature	Features of our world that are natural e.g. rivers, seas, weather
Human feature	Features of our world that have been made by humans e.g. pier

Did you know?

The UK has over 6,000 **islands** in total but most of these **islands** are very small and don't have people living on them.

Christopher Columbus was an Italian navigator who completed four voyages across the Atlantic Ocean. While searching for a route to the Far East, he discovered a sailing route to America.

