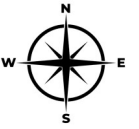




How can I find where I live on a map?



What is a map?

A map is a drawing of all or part of Earth's surface. Its basic purpose is to show where things are. Maps may show things we can see, such as rivers and lakes, forests, buildings, and roads. They may also show things that cannot be seen, such as boundaries and temperatures.

Symbols

Maps use symbols to show the different things found in an area. Some maps have a key to explain the symbols.

Compass

A compass can be used to help you find your way. It shows four directions - north, east, south and west. It is useful to people who are, for example, navigating ships and aircraft, explorers, builders, etc.

The United Kingdom



What seas and oceans can you find?



We live in the UK

- Our school is in Halesowen. Halesowen is a town in the middle of England close to the city of Birmingham. England is part of the United Kingdom.
- There are 4 countries in the United Kingdom: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- Each country has a capital city. London is the capital of England, Edinburgh is the capital of Scotland. Cardiff is the capital of Wales. Belfast is the capital of Northern Ireland.
- The UK is made up of several islands. They are also known as the British Isles.
- London is famous for being home to the government as well as the monarch.
- King Charles III is our monarch. He started his reign last year. His mum, Queen Elizabeth II, was our previous monarch. She was Queen for 75 years.

Our Monarch



King Charles III



Queen Elizabeth II





Geographical features

Geographical features are words we use to describe places. There are two types.

Human features of a place are things made by people. **Physical features** of a place are things made by nature.



village: A village is a small place where people live and work. They are often surrounded by the countryside.



rural areas



coastal areas

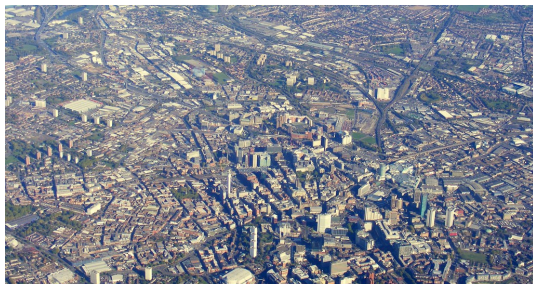


urban areas



town: A town is a place where people live and work. There may be shops, places of worship, leisure facilities and schools there. It is bigger than a village but smaller than a city.

People might live alone, in a village, a town or a city. There are different villages, towns and cities in lots of different areas. They might be near the coast or a forest.



city: A city is larger than a town. They are often very busy. There is normally lots to see and do.

Key Vocab

ruler	a person who rules or commands
King	a head of state who inherits their role
monarch	A person who reigns over a kingdom or empire such as a king or queen.
monarchy	A form of government that has a single person as head of state or monarch
reign	the period of one monarch's rule
election	a vote to select the winner of a position or political office
parliament	a group of people who make the laws for a country.
government	the power to make laws and important decisions that control or affect all people living in a country
citizen	a member of a country who has the right to be protected by their laws and a duty to follow them
weather	is what the forecasters on the TV news predict each day
climate	is the average weather in a place over many years.

