



Year 3 Geography: Mountains, Rivers and Lakes

Subject Specific Vocabulary



Key Knowledge

Mountain



River



Lake



Great Britain

Great Britain includes England, Scotland and Wales and their islands.

British Isles

The British Isles includes– England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

United Kingdom

The United Kingdom includes, England, Wales Scotland and Northern Ireland.

mountain

Mountains are areas of land that are much higher than the land surrounding them. They are often found together in a group called a mountain range. They are generally over 600m high.

hill

A hill is a landform that is higher than the surrounding land and that is smaller than a mountain.

river

A large natural stream of water flowing in a channel to the sea, a lake, or another river.

lake

A large natural area of water surrounded by land.

climate

The weather conditions of an area over a long period.

ecology

Ecology is the study of the relationships between living things and their surroundings, or environment.

contour lines

Contour lines are used on maps to show high and low areas of land.

precipitation

Precipitation is the release of water from the sky, it can be liquid or solid, for example, rain, sleet, hail and snow.

Some well known mountain ranges in the UK are: the Grampian Mountains – Scotland, the Pennines – England, the Cambrians – Wales and the Mourne Mountains – Northern Ireland.

The Earth's crust is made of plates which float about on the mantle underneath. When the plates collide, they can be pushed upwards or fold so mountains are formed.

Mountains have their own climate and the higher up you get, the colder it is. Mountains receive lots of rainfall and there is often snow at the top.

Some well known rivers in the UK are: the Clyde, Lagan, Severn and Thames.

Cities are situated close to rivers because they were important for survival, food, transport, trade and communication.

The Lake District is a national park in North West England. It is home to the highest mountain in England - Scafell Pike, and the deepest lake - Wastwater. It is popular with both day visitors and holidaymakers because of its beautiful mountains and lakes.