

Mountains in the UK

A mountain is an enormous rocky bit of land with steep sides that tower above the landscape around it, usually with a clear tip at the top called a peak.

There are many mountains across the UK

Some of the highest mountains of the UK are found in Scotland. The tallest mountain in the UK is Ben Nevis, which is 1345 metres high.

Scotland



Ben Nevis, Scotland. 1345m



Scafell Pike, England. 978m




Slieve Donard, Northern Ireland. 850m



Snowdon, Wales. 1,085m

Key Vocabulary

shoreline		A strip of land that meets the sea or the ocean. The UK is surrounded by the North Atlantic Ocean, the North Sea, the Irish Sea and the English Channel
harbour		A sheltered body of water where ships, boats, and barges can be docked
headland		a narrow area of land jutting out into a sea, lake, etc
pier		a long structure built in the sea and joined to the land at one end, often with places of entertainment on it.
tide		The rise and fall of a body of water caused by the interaction between the moon, sun and Earth
sand dune		A hill or ridge beyond the reach of the tides, formed from sand over many years. They are ever-changing structures. Dunes usually form in bands parallel to the beach, getting taller and more chaotic the further away you get.
salt marsh		Salt marshes can form where sheltered estuaries or creeks can deposit fine sediments, or where gentle tidal waters can deposit sediments
stacks		An isolated pillar of rock left when the top of an arch has collapsed; over time further erosion reduces the stack to a smaller, lower stump.
cliffs		A mass of rock that rises very high and is almost vertical, like a wall.

Islands

France

Islands of the UK

- As well as its two main islands, Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the UK also contains many smaller islands as well.
- Life on a smaller island is very different to living on the mainland.
- Transport
Public transport is not as developed and the services are not as frequent in comparison to big cities such as London.
- Flood risk
As islands are much smaller, homes and businesses are a lot closer to the coast. This means they are more at risk of flooding than living in the centre of England.



Where is Madrid?

- Madrid is the capital and largest city of Spain. Madrid is in the middle of Spain, in the Community of Madrid.
- The Community is a large area that includes the city as well as small towns and villages outside the city. 7 million people live in the Community. More than 3 million live in the city itself.
- It is the largest city of Spain and, at 655 m (2,100 ft) above sea level, the highest capital of any European country.

