



Topic: Countries and Cities of the World

Phase: KS2

Strand: Locational Knowledge / Human and Physical Geography

What should I already know?

- The **village** I live in is called Great Cornard (Suffolk, England)
- Suffolk is in England, which is a **country**.
- England, which is in the United Kingdom, is in the **continent** of Europe.
- The seven **continents** (including Europe) and five **oceans**.
- The similarities and differences between Great Cornard and Nairobi, the **capital city** of Kenya in the **continent** of Africa.
- **Human and physical geographical** features of the state of California, USA, which is in the **continent** of North America.
- The main **climate zones** across the world and the **biomes** that can be found there.

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork

- Find the **countries** using a map, an **atlas** and a **globe**. What are the skills you need to use each of these?
- Compare the **human and physical geographical** features of the **countries** saying how they are similar and different. How can you present this information in different ways (e.g. Carroll and Venn diagrams)
- Research the different **climate zones** in each country.
- Research the average temperature for each of the **countries** and create a chart to show this.
- Observe aerial view photographs to compare **countries** and **climate zones**
- Use the **compass points** to describe the **countries** in relation to each other.



Vocabulary

atlas	book of maps
biome	a large region of Earth that has a certain climate and certain types of vegetation and animals
capital city	the city where the government sits. London is the capital city of England and the UK.
city	a large town. London is a city .
climate	the general weather conditions that are typical of it
climate zone	sections of the Earth that are divided according to the climate. There are three main climate zones ; polar, temperate and tropical .
coasts	an area of land that is next to the sea
compass points	any of the main points of a compass: north, south, east, west, north-east, north-west, south-east, south-west
continent	a very large area of land that consists of many countries . Europe is a continent .
country	an area of land that is controlled by its own government.
desert	a large area of land, usually in a hot region, where there is almost no water, rain, trees, or plants
equator	an imaginary line around the middle of the Earth at an equal distance from the North Pole and the South Pole.
globe	a ball-shaped object with a map of the world on it
human geography	features of land that have been impacted by human activity
landmark	a building or feature which is easily recognised
language	the communication of a particular country or people
ocean	one of the five very large areas of salt water on the Earth's surface
physical geography	natural features of land
population	all the people who live in a country or area
sea	a large area of salty water that is part of an ocean
tectonic	relating to the structure of the Earth's surface or crust.
temperate	a place which is never extremely hot or extremely cold
tourist	a person who is visiting a place for pleasure and interest, especially when they are on holiday.
trade	the activity of buying, selling, or exchanging goods or services
tropical	parts of the world that lie between the imaginary lines; Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn . The tropics have a humid climate , where the weather is hot and damp.
tundra	a flat layer of land where the top layer is frozen. There is hardly any vegetation .
vegetation	plants, trees and flowers

What will I know by the end of the unit?

Country	Capital City	Continent	Human Geography	Physical Geography
France	Paris	Europe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • famous landmarks: Eiffel Tower, Disneyland • trade - farming, fashion, wine • high levels of tourism • Main language: French 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mountain ranges including the Alps • rivers, including the Seine • warm summers and cool winters (temperate) • has coasts on the English Channel
Russia	Moscow	Europe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • famous landmarks: St Basil's Cathedral • trade - energy (oil, gas and coal) • largest population in Europe • Main language: Russian 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • largest country in Europe by land • due to its size, there are many climate zones • has a coast on the Arctic Ocean - this part of Russia consists of a tundra biome
United States of America (USA)	Washington DC	North America	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • famous landmarks: the White House in Washington DC and the Statue of Liberty in New York • trade - farming, technology, tourism • high levels of tourism • divided into states • Main language: English 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mountain ranges including the Rocky Mountains • Niagara Falls, waterfall • due to its size, there are many climate zones including deserts and Arctic tundra • has coasts on the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans • lies on the edge of a tectonic plate
Brazil	Brasilia	South America	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • famous landmarks: the Christ the Redeemer statue • Famous for the carnival held in Rio de Janeiro • trade - sugar, coffee • Main language: Portuguese 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amazon rainforest biome and river • tropical climate • Lies on the line of the equator • Coasts on the Atlantic Ocean
Egypt	Cairo	Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • famous landmarks: the Great Pyramid of Giza • Suez Canal joins the Mediterranean and Red Seas • popular for tourists due to hot weather and pyramids • Main language: Arabic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hot, dry climate - consists of desert biomes • River Nile • coasts on the Mediterranean and Red Seas • Lies on the line of the Tropic of Cancer

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Question 1: Europe, North America, South America and Africa are all:	Start of unit:	End of unit:
countries		
cities		
continents		
towns		

Question 7: The word that best describes the communication of a country is:	Start of unit:	End of unit:
landmark		
continent		
language		
landscape		

Question 2: The UK, France and Russia are all in:	Start of unit:	End of unit:
England		
Europe		
Asia		
North America		

Question 8: Tick the two similarities the UK has with France:	Start of unit:	End of unit:
same main language		
same continent		
similar climates		
same landmarks		

Question 3: Countries that are close to the equator, such as Brazil are:	Start of unit:	End of unit:
hot, humid and tropical		
cold and icy		
cool and mild		

Question 9: Some countries have different climates zones (e.g. the United States of America has deserts, mountain ranges and the Arctic tundra). This usually happens when countries are:	Start of unit:	End of unit:
small		
large		
hot everywhere		
cold everywhere		

Question 4: One of the goods Brazil trades is sugar. This means that....	Start of unit:	End of unit:
there is a lot of sugar in Brazil and they can sell it to other countries		
there is not a lot of sugar in Brazil so they buy it from other countries		
Brazil don't sell or buy sugar		

Question 10: Match the capital cities to their countries:	Start of unit:	End of unit:
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Question 5: Which of these has a tundra biome? Tick two.	Start of unit:	End of unit:
Russia		
United States of America		
France		
Egypt		

Question 6: Which of these has a rainforest biome?	Start of unit:	End of unit:
France		
Russia		
Egypt		
Brazil		