

GEOGRAPHY OF THE UK

Revise vocabulary related to the Geography of the United Kingdom.

Activity 1. Read the text and then drag and drop words from the box.

area built-up city currency densely heritage island national day northerly
north-west ocean population sea temperate winds

We look at facts about the UK and we see how Britain is a modern country with a rich From the traditional to the modern, from the unique to the exciting.

The UK is in Europe between the North and the Atlantic An island country, it is the 9th largest in the world. The of the UK is 67.22 million inhabitants. It is the

22nd largest population in the world. It is 51st most populated country in the world.

The UK covers an of 243,610 sq km.; roughly the same size as Ecuador, Ghana and Romania. It is the 80th largest country in the world.

English is the official language of the UK. The capital of the UK is London, which has a population more than 8 million people in the area. This makes it the 3rd largest city in Europe.

The United Kingdom does not have a specific The days of the patron saints of each country are often considered to be like national days.

The UK enjoys a climate; moderated by prevailing southwest over the North Atlantic Current; making it warmer than its latitude would suggest. In the UK, the Pound Sterling is used for



Activity 2. Click the correct option.

The United Kingdom is home to hundreds of **castles / colonies** built during the previous **hundreds / thousand** years. Some are still in use today, for example, this castle in Edinburgh.

The Olympics were held in London for the third time in 2012, the first city in the world to hold such an honour. They brought the country together and had a wonderfully **uplifting / dropping** effect on the nation. It helped portray a more modern image of the UK to the world.

There is a long tradition of **inequality / democracy** in the United Kingdom with **constitutional / unconstitutional** law dating its history back to the signing of the Magna Carta in 1215.

London is the capital city of the United Kingdom but it is also classed as a **local / global** city as it is an important part of the economic system. In fact, it is one of only two **Alpha ++ / Beta ++** cities in the world that are classed as such due to their economic and political **influence / inspiration**. Also taken into consideration in ranking global cities is the cultural and infrastructure present in a city.

The financial **industry / business** plays a large part in the economy through banking, insurance and **expenditures / investments**. London has a large **stock / store** exchange and it is the largest **distant / foreign** currency trading centre in the world.

A common **scene / location** in the countryside will be of fields with rolling **valleys / hills** dotted around with little villages. Despite the majority of Britons being **country / urban** dwellers, the **countryside / town** holds a popular place in the hearts of Britons with many laws designed to protect it.

The United Kingdom has a **fragile / strong** cultural heritage which continues today through media companies, music and films. The James Bond films continue to please **audiences / addressees** around the world. The United Kingdom is a constitutional monarchy with the current **governing / reigning** monarch, Queen Elizabeth II, coming to the **throne / presidency** in 1952.

