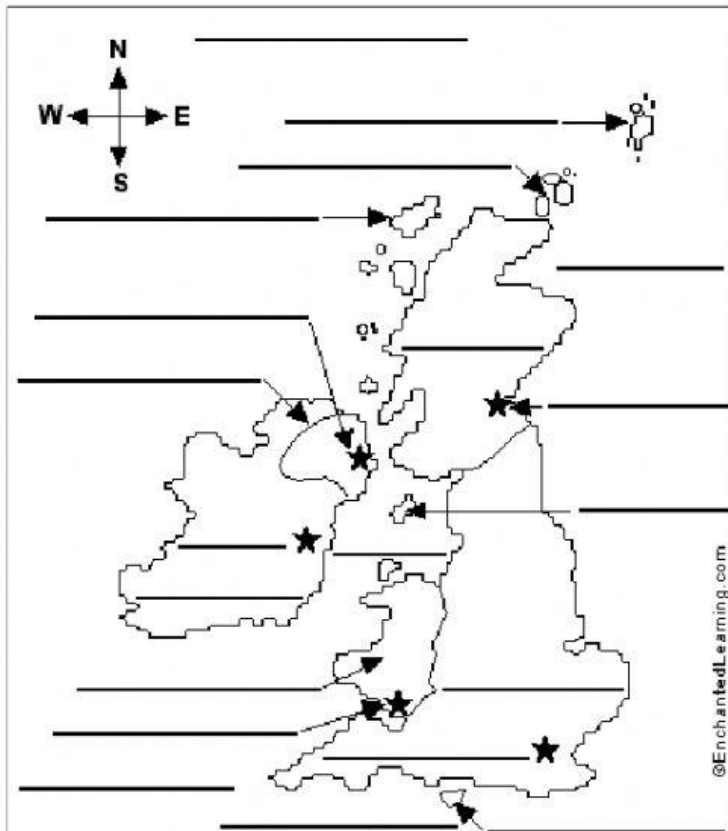


The British Isles



Atlantic Ocean - the body of water in which the British Isles are located

Belfast - the capital of Northern Ireland

Cardiff - the capital of Wales

Celtic Sea - the sea south of Ireland

Dublin - the capital of Ireland

England - the largest area in the United Kingdom; it is attached to Scotland and Wales

Edinburgh - the capital of Scotland

English Channel - the body of water off southern England which separates it from France

Hebrides - islands off the northwest coast of Scotland

Ireland - (the Republic of Ireland) - a country west of England across the Irish Sea (not part of the United Kingdom)

Irish Sea - the body of water that separates England and Ireland

Isle of Man - an island in the Irish Sea

Isle of Wight - an island off the southern coast of England

London - the capital of England (and the capital of the United Kingdom)

North Sea - the body of water northeast of the British Isles separating it from northwestern Europe

Northern Ireland - a part of the United Kingdom bordering the Republic of Ireland on the northeast

Orkney Islands - islands off the northeast coast of Scotland

Scotland - a part of the United Kingdom bordering England on the north

Shetland Islands - islands far off the northeast coast of Scotland

Wales - a part of the United Kingdom bordering England on the southwest

What is the British Isles?

The **British Isles** is a geographical term which includes two large islands, **Great Britain** and **Ireland**, and **5,000 small islands**, most notably the [Isle of Man](#) which has its own parliament and laws.

"A group of islands in W Europe, consisting of Great Britain, Ireland, the Isle of Man, Orkney, the Shetland Islands, the Channel Islands belonging to Great Britain, and the islands adjacent to these"
Collins Dictionary 2014

What is the largest British Isles island?

The largest island in the British Isles is Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland).

The British Isles are occupied by two nations:

1. United Kingdom - a union of:

- [England](#)
- [Scotland](#)
- [Wales](#)
- [Northern Ireland](#)
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2. Republic of Ireland

The Irish Sea separates Britain and Ireland.

The British Isles consists of the following islands:

- [Great Britain](#) (England, Scotland and Wales)
- **Ireland** (the Republic of Ireland)
A country west of England across the Irish Sea (not part of the United Kingdom)
[Northern Ireland](#) (part of the United Kingdom)
- **The Orkney and Shetland Islands**
Islands off the northeast coast of Scotland
- [The Isle of Man](#)
An island in the Irish Sea
- **Hebrides** (including the Inner Hebrides, Outer Hebrides and Small Isles) All are islands off the northwest coast of Scotland
- **The Isle of Wight**
An island off the southern coast of England
- **Isles of Scilly**
An island off the southwest coast of England
- **Lundy Island**
An island off the southwest coast of England
- **The Channel Islands**
A group of small islands in the English Channel, off the coast of Normandy, France. The principal islands of the group include **Jersey**, **Guernsey**, **Alderney** and **Sark**.
- Plus many other offshore islands

