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Regions of the United Kingdom

Introducing the Map

Share with students the definition of a region. Have students name regions they have studied. Tell students there is a country in the continent of Europe that has political divisions or regions that are sometimes confusing to people. It is called the United Kingdom.

Show students the map of the United Kingdom as you discuss this region. Tell students that there are several names for this country. The nation's official name is the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Most people shorten the name to (1) the United Kingdom, (2) the U.K., (3) Great Britain, or (4) Britain.

The United Kingdom lies in northwestern Europe. The United Kingdom covers most of an island group called the British Isles. The British Isles consist of two large islands—Great Britain and Ireland—and thousands of small islands.

Share with students that within the country are four political divisions, or regions. England, Scotland, and Wales make up the island of Great Britain. Northern Ireland is also part of the United Kingdom. Each of the four divisions has its own capital similar to the states and capitals in the country of the United States. The national capital of the United Kingdom is London, which is the largest city in the country. Note: students will label the other capitals on the challenge question.

Please explain to students that even though the country of Ireland is located in the British Isles, it is not part of the United Kingdom.

Introducing Vocabulary

British Isles a group of islands in northwestern Europe

channel a body of water joining two larger bodies of water

region area of land or water with certain characteristics that make it different from other areas

sea a body of salt water that is part of an ocean, yet is partially enclosed by land

United Kingdom European country consisting of England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales

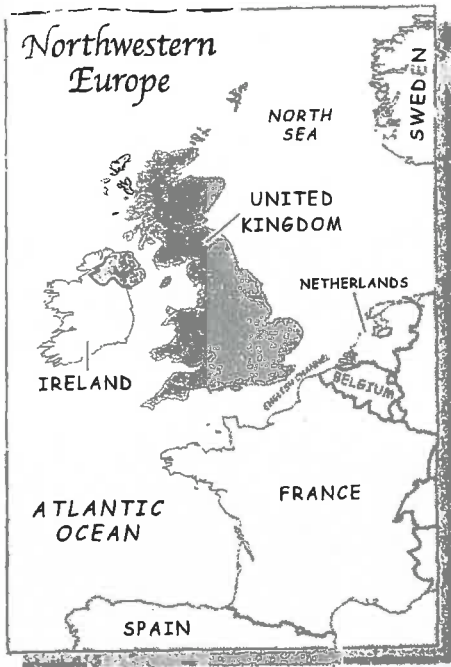
Map Skills

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The United Kingdom covers most of an island group called the British Isles. The two largest islands are called Great Britain and Ireland. The island of Great Britain includes England, Scotland, and Wales. Northern Ireland is on the northeastern part of the island of Ireland.

Legend

-  national capital
-  international border
-  political division border



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Monday

Capitals and Spelling Count

1. The country of the United Kingdom is made up of four regions. Name them. A, B, C order

4pts ① England ② Northern Ireland
③ Scotland ④ Wales

2. In which continent does the United Kingdom belong?

1pt ① Europe

Tuesday

1. The United Kingdom is between which ocean? and which sea?

2pts ① Atlantic Ocean ② North Sea

2. What is the national capital of the United Kingdom?

1pt ① London

Wednesday

1. Which of the four political divisions does not share the same island as the others?

1pt ① Northern Ireland

2. What is the name of the group of islands in which the United Kingdom belongs?

1pt ① British Isles

10pts



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Thursday

1. Which United Kingdom regions make up the island of Great Britain? *ABC order*

- 3pts
- ① *England*
 - ② *Scotland*
 - ③ *Wales*

2. Which independent country shares an island with one of the regions of the United Kingdom?

- 1pt
- ① *Ireland*

Friday

1. If a person sails from southern England to Belgium, which body of water does he or she travel through?

- 1pt
- ① *English Channel*

2. Name four labeled countries that share the North Sea or the English Channel with the United Kingdom. *A, B, C order.*

- 4pts
- ① *Belgium*
 - ② *France*
 - ③ *Netherlands*
 - ④ *Sweden*

Challenge

9pts

London is the national capital of the United Kingdom. It is located in England. Please label on the map the other capitals of the regions of the United Kingdom. Use an atlas or other resource to help you with the names and the locations.

- Label the capitals of Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales 3pts*
 - color water Blue 2pts*
 - color U.K Green 2pts*
 - Color all other Countries orange 2pts*
- Do Not color Inset map*
- 9pts*