

Knowledge Organiser - Settlement and Land use in the United Kingdom

Land can be used for many things including agriculture, housing, industrial, business, leisure and retail. In the UK, around 80% of the population live in urban areas and 20% in rural areas. Some parts of the UK have many more people than others - Scotland's mountains and remote islands have very few inhabitants, while England is the most crowded country, with London being the largest city in the UK. All the land in the UK can be divided into three categories: Rural, Urban and Suburban. Settlements are places where people choose to live and work. They are different sizes, at different locations and they are always changing. The UK is an island country with thousands of islands. The UK occupies the majority of the *British Isles*. Most of the population of the UK lives on the two main islands, Great Britain and Ireland (in Northern Ireland), but there are also settlements on some of the UK's many islands.

Counties and City map of the UK



Key Vocabulary

1	City	the largest type of settlement with lots of houses, buildings and a cathedral
2	Coast	where the land meets the sea
3	County	a part of the United Kingdom with its own council
4	Urban	A highly populated area with lots of buildings.
5	Rural	A less populated area in the countryside.
6	Land Use	How humans use land in a certain place
7	Peak	The top of a mountain the highest point.
8	Population	The population of a place is the number of people who live there
9	Agriculture	A farming area
10	Settlement	A place where people live.

Significant Places



Ben Nevis
The highest mountain in the UK

River Severn
Longest river in the UK

Cliffs of Dover
A coastline in the UK.

Settlements from biggest to smallest



city

town

village

hamlet