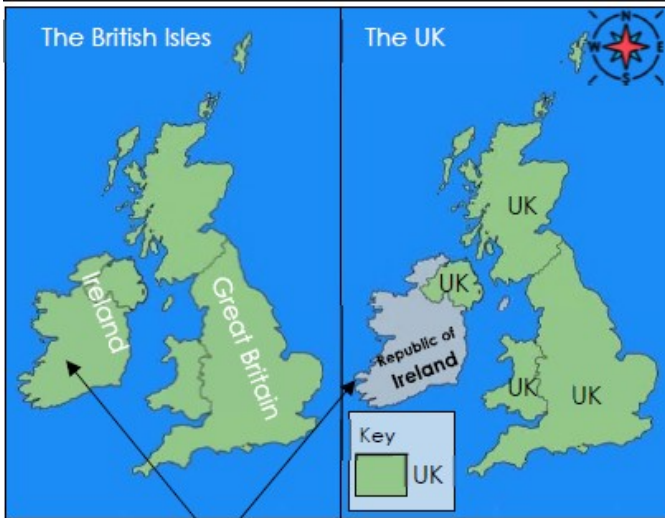


# Year 7— Unit1-Geography and me

## What is the United Kingdom?

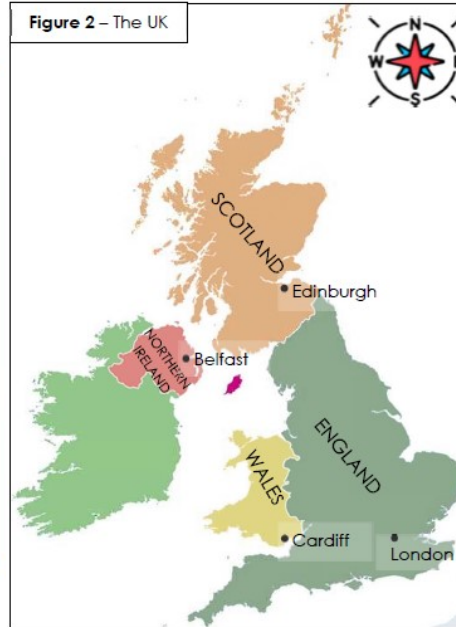
The United Kingdom (UK) is the name of a country that is made up of four nations: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. The UK does not include Republic of Ireland, Isle of Man, and the Channel Islands (Jersey and Guernsey). These places are independent of the UK and have their own government

Figure 1 – The British Isles compared to the UK.

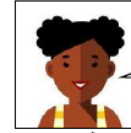


The **Republic of Ireland** is a country located in the British Isles. It is independent of the UK.

Figure 2 – The UK



## What is the population of the UK like?



I have been researching the **UK population** for a school project and have **summarised** some key facts for you below.

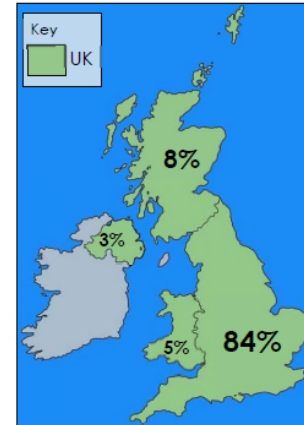
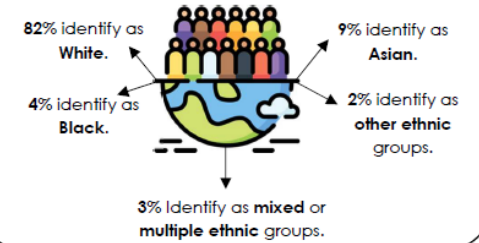


Figure 3 - The UK's population is **68.9 million** (68,900,000). The population is spread **unevenly** across the UK.

The UK is home to people with a **diverse** range of **ethnic backgrounds**.



The spread of **ages** in the UK is **uneven**.



The average age is **40 years**.



**29%** of people are under 25 years.



**47%** of people are 25 – 60 years.

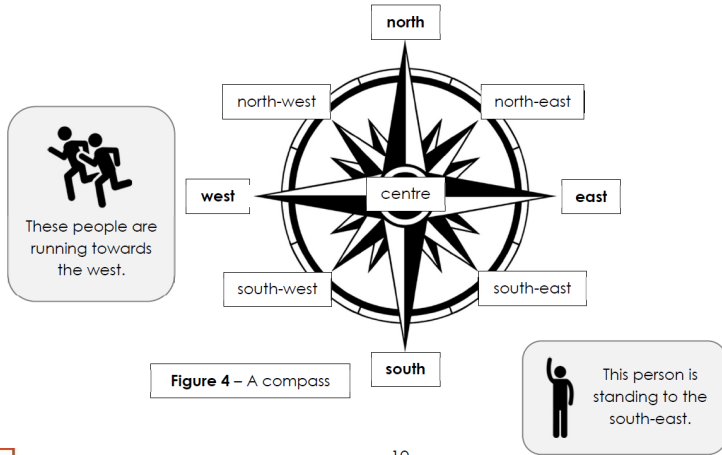


**24%** of people are over 60 years.

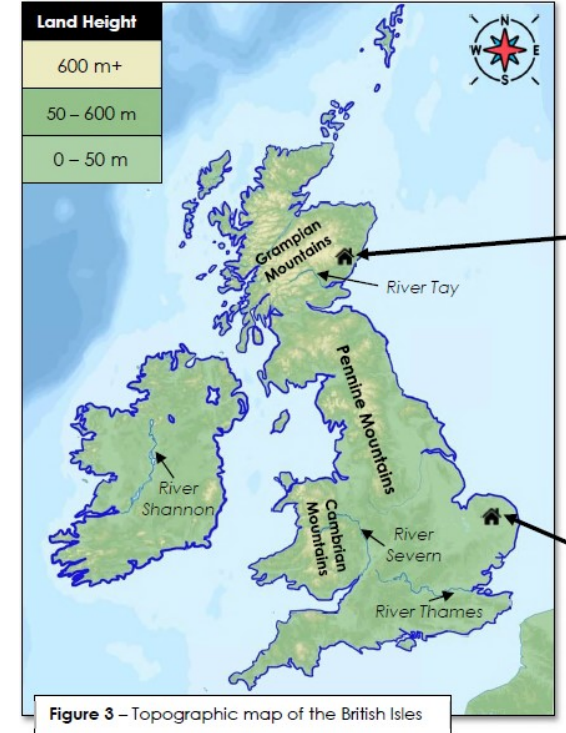
The UK has an **ageing** population. This means the average age is going up.

## What is immigration?

We use the word **immigration** to mean someone who moves into a country or place (and **emigration** if someone moves out).



**Topography** is the word given to the pattern of the natural features on Earth's surface, such as flat land, or areas of hills, mountains, and valleys. It also includes where rivers are located. Geographers use a specific type of map that indicates what areas of land are high up, hilly, steep, low down or flat. This is called a **topographic** map, (Figure 3). The map key shows the height of the land in metres.



## What's included in the British Isles?

The British Isles are a group of islands, located in Europe. This is everything shown in Figure 1. The two largest islands are called **Great Britain**, and **Ireland**. There are several other smaller groups of islands.

