

A satellite map of the Arctic region, showing the North Pole and surrounding landmasses and oceans. The map is used as a background for the slide.

English & Geography Home Learning Week 3

For the next few weeks we will combine English and Geography to create factual writing about the countries and cities of Europe.

Reading skills will involve information retrieval.



If you see a pen on the slide, it means you need to answer the questions by writing them down.

Countries

**Famous Human
Landmarks**

Map

Europe

Introduction

Rivers

**Climate and
Weather**



Monday

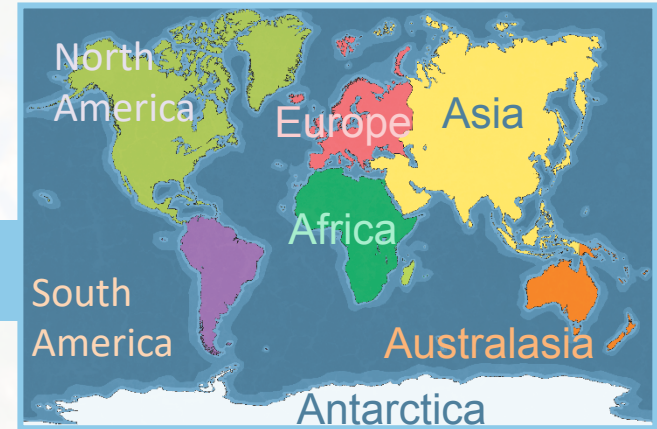
Locating European Countries

Read the information about Europe on the next slide.

Read it twice and see if you can answer the quick fire questions on the following slide.

Introduction

Europe is one of the seven continents. The other six are; North America, South America, Africa, Asia, Australasia and Antarctica.

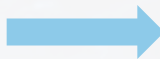


Europe is the second smallest continent in size.

There are around **50 countries** in Europe, including England, France, Croatia and part of Russia.

743 million people (743,000,000) are thought to live in Europe, making it the third largest continent by population.

Most countries use the **Euro** as their currency.



There are lots of religions across Europe, the including Christianity, Islam, Judaism and many more.



Europe: An Introduction

- How many continents are there in the world?
- Can you name them?
- Approximately how many countries are there in Europe?
- What is the population of Europe?
- What currency do most countries in Europe use?
- Name some of the religions of Europe.

Europe: An Introduction

- How many continents are there in the world? 7
- Can you name them? Europe, North America, South America, Africa, Asia, Australasia and Antarctica.
- Approximately how many countries are there in Europe? 50
- What is the population of Europe? 743 million people (743,000,000)
- What currency do most countries in Europe use? Euro
- Name some of the religions of Europe. Christianity, Islam, Judaism and many more.

Some Flags of Europe



European Union



Greece



Ireland



England



Croatia



Belgium



Estonia



Sweden



Switzerland



United Kingdom



Northern Ireland



Germany



Netherlands



Poland



Portugal



Slovakia



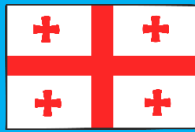
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Romania



Iceland



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Spain



Turkey



Serbia



Latvia



Monaco



Italy



Macedonia



Bulgaria



Finland



France



Scotland



Wales



Russia



Albania



Austria



Norway



Czech Republic



Denmark



Hungary



Lithuania



Luxemburg



Cyprus

Can you link the flag to the country?

(check your answers with the slide above)



Norway Bulgaria Greece Portugal Wales Finland

Can you locate
(find) these
countries?

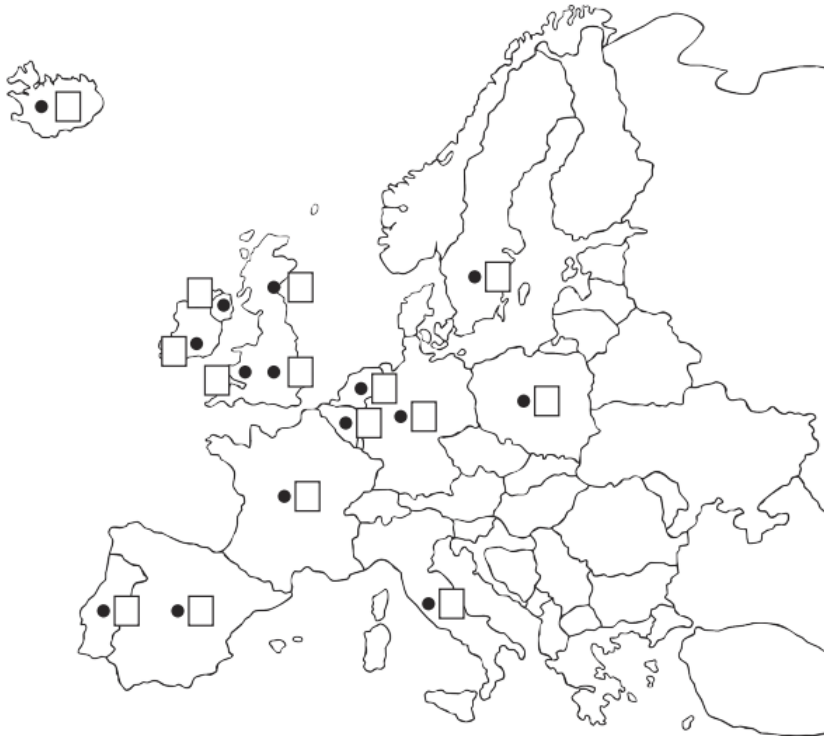
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3. Norway
4. Sweden
5. Poland
6. Germany
7. Greece
8. Turkey
9. Italy
10. Hungary
11. Croatia
12. Bulgaria
13. Albania
14. Spain
15. Lithuania
16. Romania
17. Finland
18. Ireland
19. Belgium
20. Russia



Extension

Download this map of Europe from the Homelearning section and complete the exercise

Countries of Europe



Key

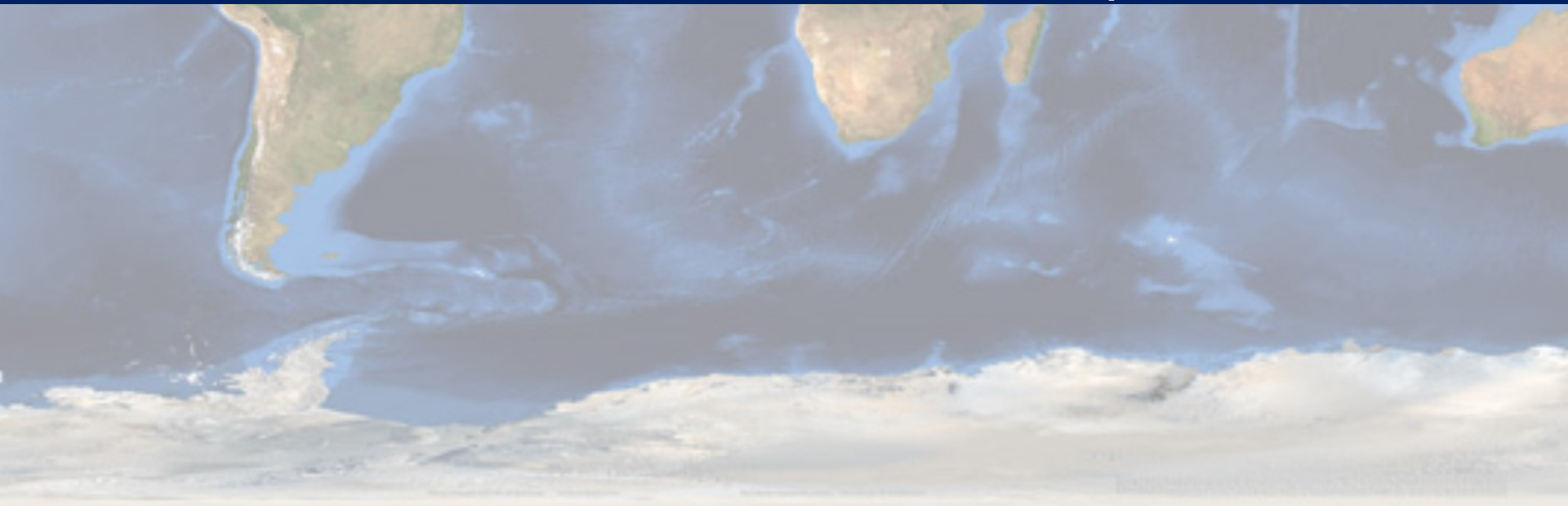
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- 2 Ireland
- 3 United Kingdom
- 4 Portugal
- 5 Spain
- 6 France
- 7 Belgium
- 8 Netherlands
- 9 Italy
- 10 Germany
- 11 Sweden
- 12 Poland
- 13 Scotland
- 14 Wales
- 15 Northern Ireland

Alternatively. Study the map of Europe on the previous slide and make a list of the countries I have missed!



Tuesday

Describing the position of European countries on a map



Can you remember which countries
these flags belong to?



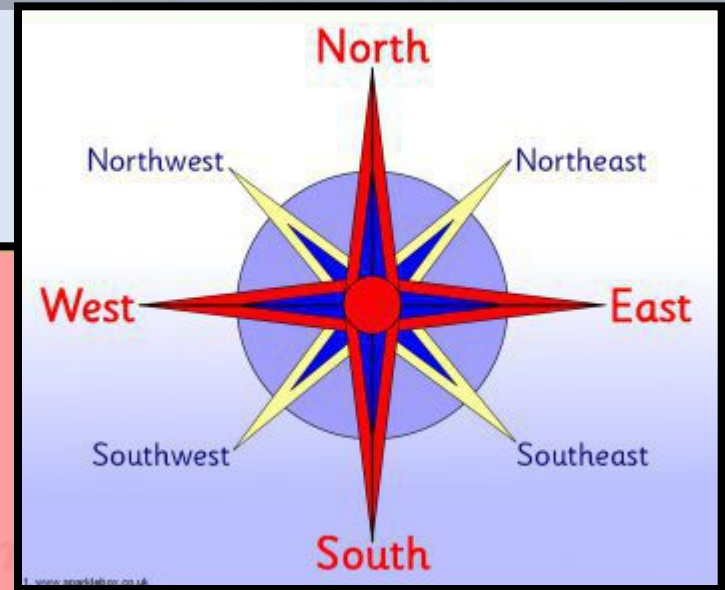
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Now try these - check with yesterday's slide to see if you are correct?



Lithuania Poland Germany United Kingdom Turkey Macedonia

Describing Positions



Germany is located to the north of Italy and the east of France.

The UK is an island to the Northwest of Belgium, in the North Sea.

Turkey is south of the Black Sea, to the east of Greece.

Here are some more ways to describe the position of countries.

Poland shares a boarder with Germany and Slovakia. (border is a line that separates 2 countries).

France has a coastline. (A coastline is where the land meets the sea)

Hungary is a landlocked country. (Landlocked means no coastline)

 Describe the location of at least 6 different countries within Europe.

(Don't forget, countries are proper nouns so they need capital letters.)

Extension.

Write a few sentences for each country. Switch the words round to vary the sentence structure.

e.g. *Without a coastline, Hungary is a landlocked country.*

Stretching a long the west of France is an extensive coastline.

Word Bank

north, south, east,
west, northeast,
northwest, southeast,
southwest, border,
coastline, landlocked



Wednesday

Naming and locating European
capital cities



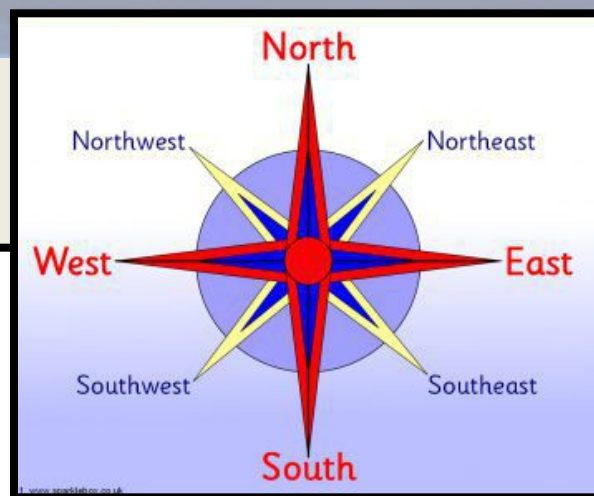
Let's start by describing the position of the countries that make up the United Kingdom.

South of Scotland lies.....

To the west of England is.....

Northern Ireland shares a border with....

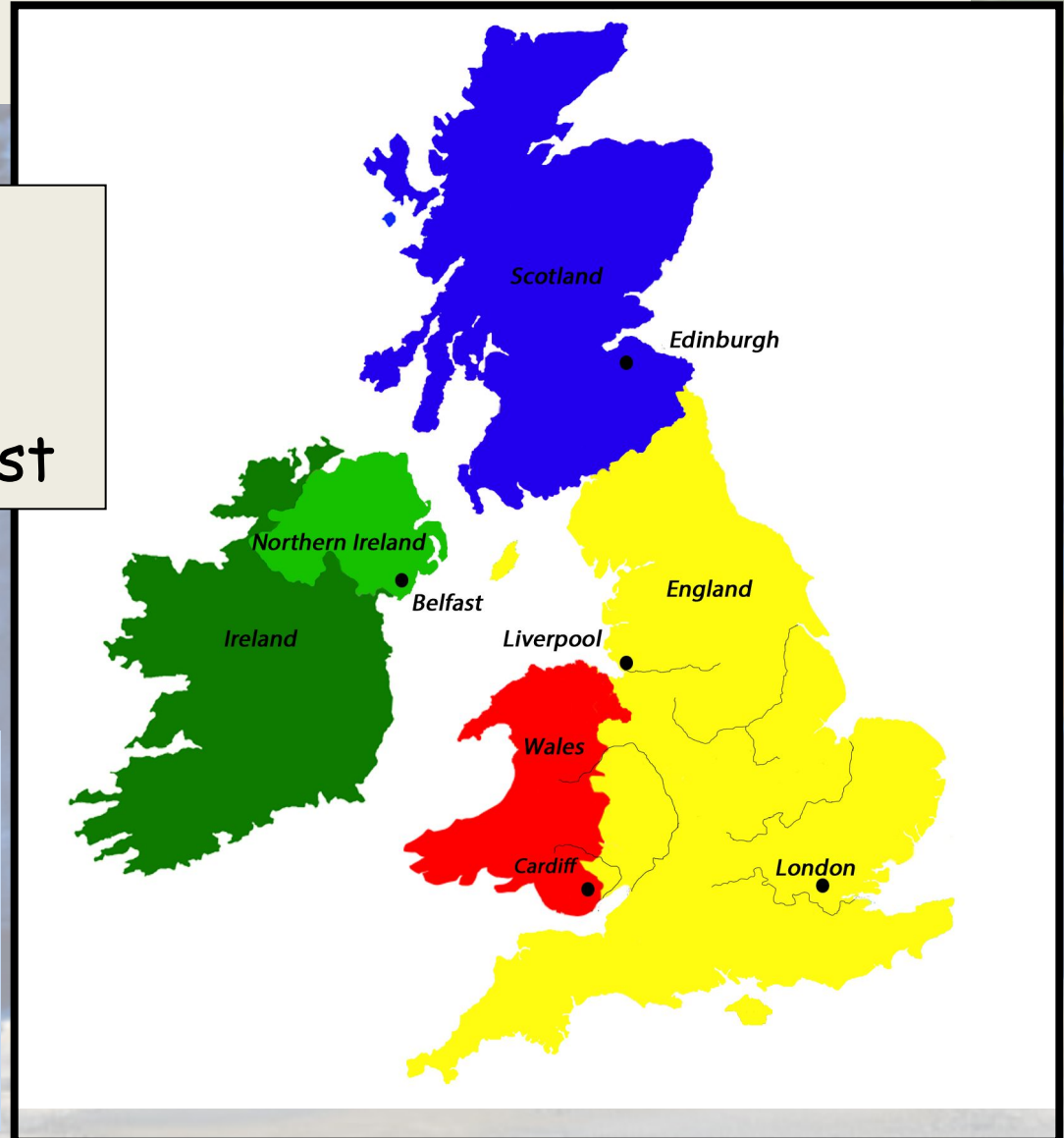
Note, the Republic of Ireland is an independent country and not part of the UK.



Each of the UK's countries has a capital city, a main city which is usually the main seat of government.

England - London
Wales - Cardiff
Scotland - Edinburgh
Northern Ireland - Belfast

(I'm not sure why Liverpool is on this map! Liverpool is an important city but not a capital city. I think the map was probably made by a Liverpool supporter!)



Match the Cities to the countries.
Then check with the previous map

Cardiff

Edinburgh

London

Belfast

England

Wales

N. Ireland

Scotland

Map of Europe

This map shows some of the capital cities of Europe. However the map is too small to show all of them.



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Famous Landmarks



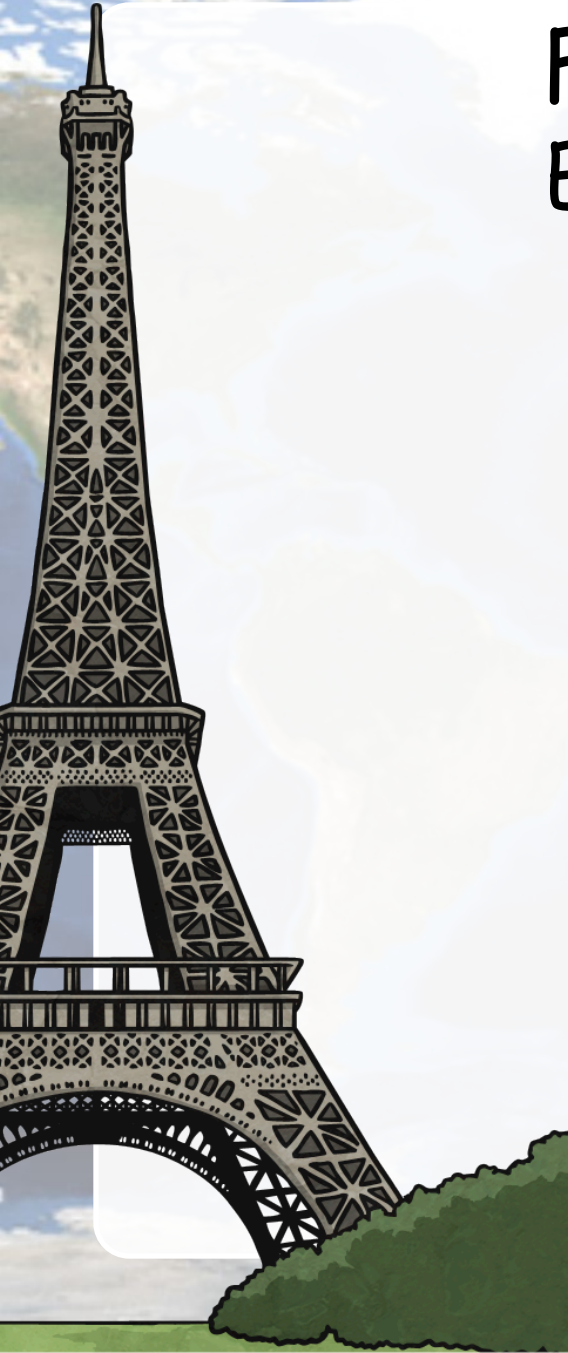
Many capital cities have famous landmarks. These are man made or natural features that are recognisable from a distance and help you to identify the location.



One of London's most famous landmarks is Big Ben.

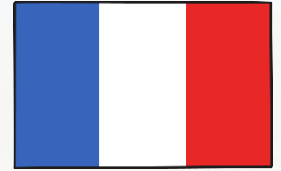
Big Ben facts

- Big Ben is the nickname for the Great Bell of the striking clock at the north end of the Palace of Westminster
- The tower was called the Clock Tower but was renamed the Elizabeth Tower in 2012
- The tower was designed by Augustus Pugin
- It was completed in 1859
- It is 96 m tall
- There are 334 steps from ground level to the belfry



Famous Landmarks

Eiffel Tower, France



The Eiffel Tower is found in Paris, France.

It was completed on 31 March 1889 and took two years, two months, and five days to build.

Until 1930, it was the tallest building in the world, being 821m tall. This is the same as an 81 storey building.

Seven million tourists visit each year, making it the most the most visited paid monument in the world.

There is a miniature copy of the tower in Las Vegas, USA.

European Landmarks

Houses of Parliament, London,
England



Eiffel Tower,
Paris, France



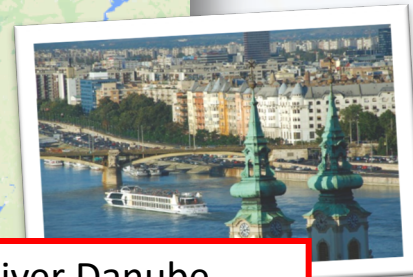
Brandenburg Gate, Berlin, Germany



Royal Palace,
Madrid, Spain



River Danube,
Budapest, Hungary



Colosseum, Rome,
Italy



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Naming and locating European capital cities



Draw a table like the one below. Research the capital cities of Europe using an atlas or the internet.

Country	Capital City
France	Paris

Extension

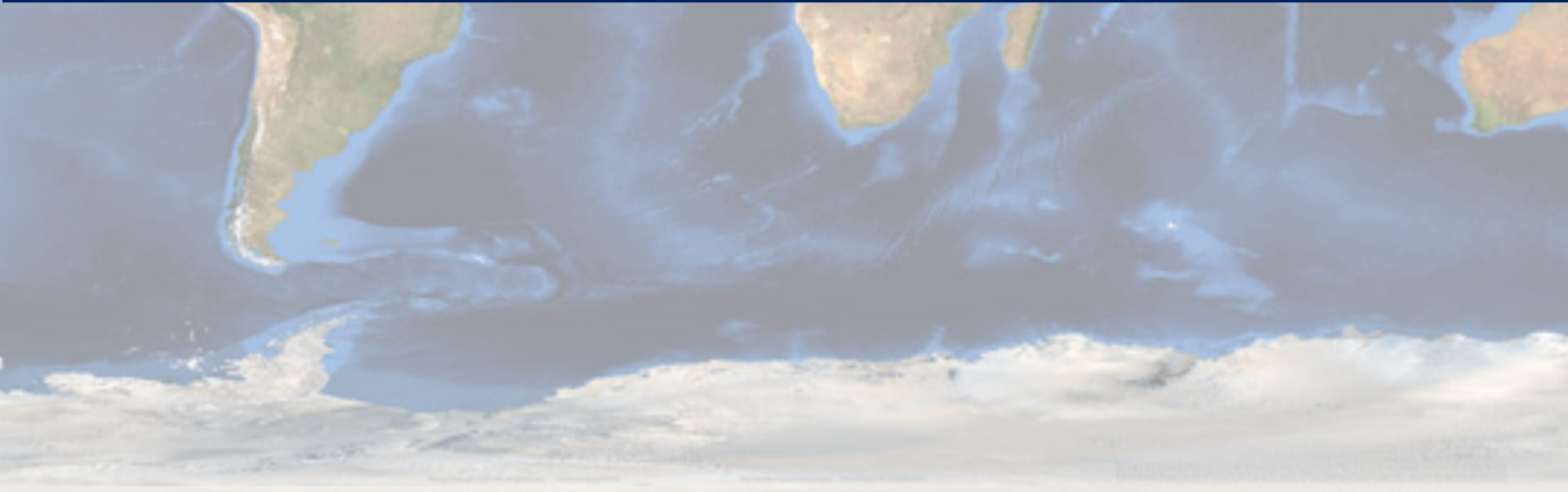
Add a column to your table for famous landmarks.

Country	Capital City	Famous Landmark
France	Paris	Eiffel Tower



Thursday and Friday

Making fact files on European cities



Quick fire memory test

Where is the UK on a map of Europe? (use N S E W etc)

What is the capital city of Wales?

What is the capital city of Scotland?

Name a famous London landmark.

How many people visit the Eiffel Tower each year?

What is a capital city?

Quick fire memory test

The answers

Where is the Uk on a map of Europe? (use N S E W)

The Uk is an island located in the northwest of Europe in the North Sea.

What is the capital city of Wales? **Cardiff**

What is the capital city of Scotland? **Edinburgh**

Name a famous London landmark. **Big Ben**

How many people visit the Eiffel Tower each year?

7 million

What is a capital city? **The main city of the country, usually the centre of government.**

Making Capital City Fact File

Capital City Fact Files will include the country and famous landmark which we have already investigated over the last few days. These are some of the other categories to research when making a Capital City Fact File

Population

This means the number of people who live in the city.

Natural features

Cities were often built on **rivers**, sometimes on **hills**. This was for reasons of transport or defence.

Climate

This means the type of weather the country usually gets. (We will be looking at climate more closely next week.)

Language

This means the **main** language of the country. In modern multi-cultural cities , a range of lanuages are spoken as people move from one country to another, often for work.

Making Capital City Fact File

Currency

This means the money that is used in the country. Many European countries use the Euro to buy and sell goods, but not all do. For example the UK uses Pound Sterling.

Transport Systems

As capital cities often have large populations and many tourists, there are usually a number of transport systems to get people from place to place. For example London has the Underground, a bus network and river boat taxis.

Places to visit


There are usually more than one landmark in a city. London has the London Eye, Tower Bridge, Nelson's Column and many more. There are also a number of museums, galleries and parks to visit too.

Other information

This might be an historical event or a fascinating fact. For Example, Boudicca and her army destroyed the Roman town of Londinium in AD61. The Romans then rebuilt London.

How to set out your fact file.

Country:	United Kingdom
Capital City:	London
Population:	8.63 million people
Landmarks:	Big Ben, The London Eye, Tower of London, Tower Bridge, Buckingham Palace, Nelson's Column
Currency:	Pounds Sterling
Language:	English
Natural Features:	River Thames
Climate:	oceanic climate - warm summers, cool winters
Transport:	London Underground, DLR, London Buses, River taxis
Other information:	Boudicca and her army destroyed the Roman town of Londinium in AD61. The Romans then rebuilt London.



Your task for Thursday and Friday

- Create fact files for some of the cities of Europe.
- You should research one city on Thursday and one city on Friday.
- You could research more cities over the 2 days.
- Most of the writing is either a phrase, a list or a single word Remember to use commas for lists and capital letters for proper nouns (Names of countries, cities, landmarks).
- In the **Other Information** section you can write in sentences.
- Here are some useful research sites

<https://primaryfacts.com/>

kids.kiddle.co