

# Bright Lights, Big City

## The United Kingdom

The United Kingdom is a union of four countries: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Their capital cities are London, Edinburgh, Cardiff and Belfast.



## Maps

A map is a picture that shows an area of land or sea. When using a map, we use words such as in front of and behind to describe where something is and words such as left and right to explain how to get somewhere.

Maps use symbols to show where things are like stations, parks, roads and rivers.



## London

London is a large urban settlement. It is the largest city in the United Kingdom. Almost nine million people live there. The River Thames flows through it. Here are some famous London landmarks.



Houses of Parliament



Tower Bridge



Royal Albert Hall



London Eye

## HM Queen Elizabeth II

Queen Elizabeth II is the current monarch of the United Kingdom. She was born in 1926 and became Queen in 1952. The Queen is famous across the world.



The Queen lives at Buckingham Palace.

## The Great Fire of London

The Great Fire of London was a significant event in London's history. It began in a bakery on Pudding Lane on Sunday 2nd September, 1666. Many buildings were destroyed including St Paul's cathedral. Today, a monument stands where the fire began.



Monument to the Great Fire of London