

## Important Topic Vocabulary

<b>continent</b>	A large area of land separated from others by water or other features.
<b>country</b>	One of the political units the world is divided into.
<b>city</b>	A large town that has received this title from the crown.
<b>government</b>	A group of people with the power to run a country.
<b>political</b>	Something relating to the government or laws of a country.
<b>landmark</b>	A feature of a place that is easily seen and recognized from a distance.
<b>European</b>	A place, person, feature or characteristic related to Europe.
<b>transcontinental</b>	A country which is considered to be part of more than one continent.
<b>climate</b>	The weather in a certain place over a long period of time.
<b>currency</b>	A system of money in general use in a particular country.

## What should you already know?

- The names of the United Kingdom (UK) Capital Cities and their rivers:

Country	Capital City	River
England	London	River Thames
Wales	Cardiff	River Taff
Scotland	Edinburgh	Water of Leith
Northern Ireland	Belfast	River Lagan

- The bodies of water surrounding the UK are the North Sea, the English Channel, the Irish Sea and the Atlantic Ocean.

- The world is divided into seven continents: Europe, Asia, Africa, South America, North America, Antarctica and Australasia.

- The five oceans of the world: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Arctic, and Southern.

- The world is made up of two hemispheres: the Northern and Southern Hemispheres.

- A hemisphere is one half of the Earth and they are separated by the Equator.

- A village is usually in the countryside and is smaller than a town.

- A town is larger than a village. More people live in a town than a village.

## Europe Facts

- There are 44 countries in Europe.
- There are 739 million people living in Europe making it the third most populated continent in the world.
- Much of Europe has a temperate climate, meaning that there are warm summers and colder winters.
- Some northern areas have a polar climate like Norway, Iceland and Sweden, and some southern areas are much warmer.
- English is the most commonly spoken language in Europe.

## Flags

Every country has a national flag which represents and symbolises their nation. Here are the flags of the countries we are learning about.



UK



France



Germany



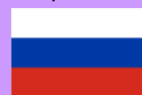
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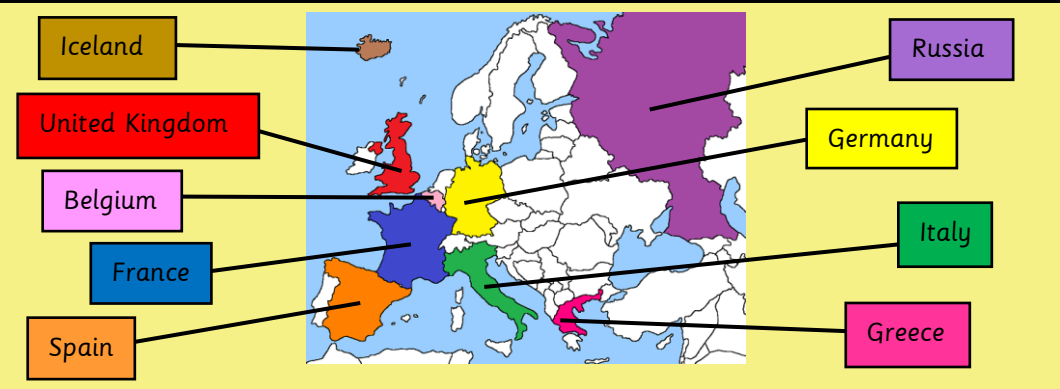
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## Capital Cities

A country's capital city is the central meeting point for their government. Most of the country's leaders and officials usually work in the capital city.

London, United Kingdom – Paris, France – Berlin, Germany  
Madrid, Spain – Rome, Italy – Brussels, Belgium  
Moscow, Russia – Reykjavik, Iceland – Athens, Greece

## France



The Louvre Museum

In Paris, there are many famous landmarks including the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre Museum and Notre Dame Cathedral. The River Seine flows through Paris. In France, people speak French and the currency used is Euros.

## Germany



The Brandenburg Gate

The Brandenburg Gate is a famous monument that since 1989 has symbolised peace and unity following the collapse of the Berlin Wall. The fall of Berlin Wall saw East and West Germany unify to create one country. Germany is the second most populated country in Europe after Russia. People speak German and the currency used is Euros.

## Spain



The Royal Palace of Madrid

The Royal Palace of Madrid is a famous landmark used by the Spanish royal family for state ceremonies. In Spain, the currency used is Euros and people speak Spanish.

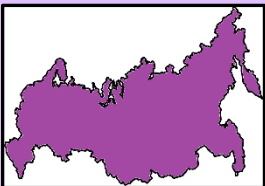
## Italy



The Colosseum

The Colosseum and the Trevi Fountain are famous landmarks. In Italy, people speak Italian. Euros are the currency used. Vatican City is the smallest state in the world and it lies entirely within the confines of Rome. The Vatican City is where the pope resides.

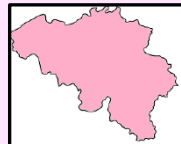
## Russia



St Basil's Cathedral

In Russia, people speak Russian and the currency used is Rubels. Russia has eleven time zones and has coasts on three oceans. The Kremlin, Red Square and St. Basil's Cathedral are famous landmarks. The Kremlin with Red Square is a UNESCO World Heritage site.

## Belgium



Grand Place

The headquarters of the European Union are in Brussels. Grand Place and Atomium are famous landmarks found in this city.

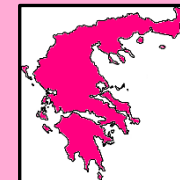
## Iceland



The Northern Lights

One of the main reasons people visit Iceland is to see the Northern Lights. In this country, people speak Icelandic and the currency used is króna. Iceland is one of the world's largest producers of geothermal energy. This renewable energy heats homes and buildings using hot water and steam from underground.

## Greece



The Parthenon

Athens is one of the oldest cities in the world. The Parthenon is a famous landmark from the times of Ancient Greece. In this country, the people speak Greek and its currency is the Euro.

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