

The United Kingdom: Why is it called The United Kingdom?



The Union Jack is the flag of the United Kingdom.

Bournville is a **suburb** of Birmingham, which is a **city** in England.

England is a **country** in the United Kingdom.

There are four countries in the United Kingdom:

- England
- Scotland
- Wales
- Northern Ireland

England, Scotland and Wales are known as Great Britain.

Great Britain is an **island** which is surrounded by seas:

- Irish Sea
- North Sea
- English Channel



Each country in the UK has a capital city, flag and national flower.

Country	Capital City	Flag	National Flower
England	London		rose
Scotland	Edinburgh		thistle
Wales	Cardiff		daffodil
Northern Ireland	Belfast		shamrock

capital city	The city where the government sits.
city	A large town.
country	An area of land that is controlled by its own government.
flag	A piece of cloth which can be attached to a pole which is used as a symbol of a particular country.
island	A piece of land that is completely surrounded by water.
suburb	An area within a city or town.