

Land Use Detectives

Physical and human features in the UK

Physical features are natural and include cliffs, mountains and beaches. Human features have been made by people and include houses, bridges and roads. There are many physical and human features in the United Kingdom.

Physical features



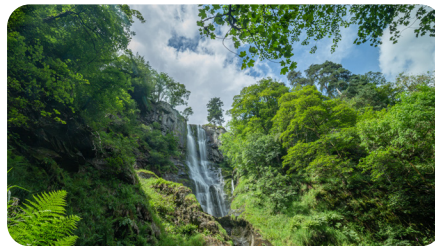
River Tay, Scotland



Benone Beach, Northern Ireland



Durdle Door, England



Pistyll Rhaeadr, Wales

Human features



Forth Bridge, Scotland



Belfast Port, Northern Ireland



York Minster, England



Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, Wales

Counties of the United Kingdom

The countries of England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales are divided into counties. Counties in the United Kingdom include Yorkshire, Suffolk, Pembrokeshire, Inverness-shire and County Armagh. Counties are governed by local governments and have unique physical and human characteristics.



County Armagh in Northern Ireland is famous for its orchards and St Patrick's Cathedral.



Suffolk in England is famous for its beaches and port at Ipswich.



Pembrokeshire in Wales is home to St David's Cathedral and Pembroke Castle.



Inverness-shire in Scotland is home to the city of Inverness and Ben Nevis, the tallest mountain in the UK.

Cities in the UK

Many counties in the UK have at least one city. Most UK cities feature:

- a large population
- many schools
- houses for thousands or millions of people
- amenities like theatres and museums
- a wide range of shops and restaurants
- a variety of different industries and many places of worship
- a cathedral

UK cities include Edinburgh, Belfast, St Davids and Birmingham.

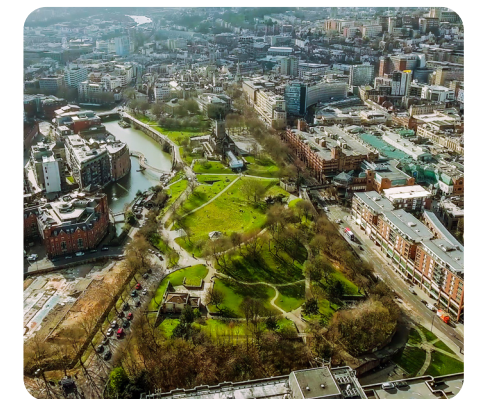
Land use

There are five main types of land use. These are:

- **agricultural** - land used for farming
- **commercial** - land used for shops and businesses
- **recreational** - land used for leisure activities
- **residential** - land used for housing
- **transportation** - land used for roads, airports, ports and railways.



Rural areas are mainly used for agriculture and recreation.



Urban areas are mainly used for commercial and residential reasons and for transportation.