

Country Study

Curriculum Links:

Locational knowledge
Human and physical geography
Geographical skills and fieldwork
 * See coverage document for details

Key Facts:

- The Tropic of Cancer, 23.5° north of the equator and the Tropic of Capricorn, 23.5° south of the equator. The tropics have a humid climate

Identify key facts for chosen country:

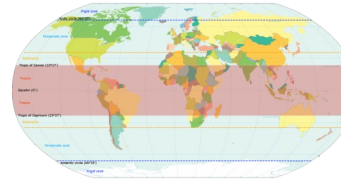
- The capital city and main cities
- Examples of physical features eg rivers, mountain ranges
- Examples of human features eg major landmarks
- Describe the location of the country: the continent it is in, surrounding countries, location in the world, what type of land etc
- Any key exports
- Make comparisons between chosen country and the UK

Key Skills:

- Compare aerial photos - identify similarities and differences
- Study maps and label them to identify different regions and key features
- Analyse, interpret and plot graphs to show variations in temperature
- Identify how the human geography of the country has changed
- Reflect on the importance of tourism in the area
- Identify similarities and differences in culture

Possible experiences: We should already know:

- * Sample food from chosen country - restaurant visit?
- * Cultural experiences eg music, dance, sport
- We live in Maidstone, which is in Kent.
- Kent is in England, which is in the UK and in the continent of Europe
- There are seven continents and five oceans
- Some characteristics of countries in Europe and North and South America
- Examples of human and physical features



Key Vocabulary

Architecture	The planning, designing and construction of buildings
City	A large town with a cathedral
Climate	The weather conditions which are typical of a place
Coastal	An area of land close to the sea
Continent	A large area of land which consists of a number of countries
Export	Goods sold to other countries
Human Feature	Something that would not have existed in nature without humans
Island	A piece of land surrounded by water
Latitude	Imaginary horizontal line used to show N-S position on the Earth's surface
Longitude	Imaginary vertical line used to show E-W position on the Earth's surface
Migration	Movement from one place to another in order to settle there
Physical Feature	Natural features of land
Tourist	A person visiting a place for pleasure and interest
Trade	Activity of buying, selling or exchanging goods and services
Tropics	Parts of the world which lie between two lines of latitude