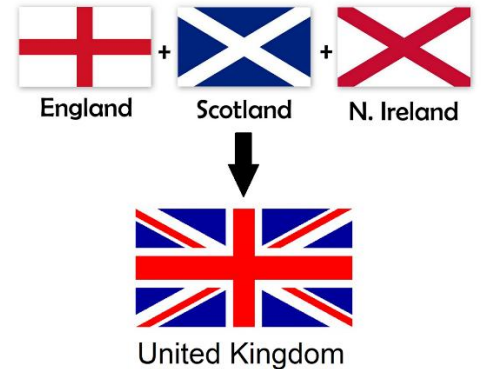


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The U.K. (United Kingdom)

The Flags of the United Kingdom

The flags of England and Scotland were joined in 1606. The flag of Northern Ireland was combined with the others in 1801. The Welsh flag has not been joined to the Union Jack.



Key Vocabulary	Definition
capital city	The city where the government is based.
coastlines	Where the land meets the sea.
countries	A nation with its own government.
differences	The way something is not the same as something else.
flag	A piece of cloth, usually rectangular, that is attached to a pole and represents a country.
rural	The countryside, rather than the town.
similarities	The way something is the same as something else.
united	Joined together for a common purpose.
United Kingdom	The U.K. is made up of four different countries or nations.
urban	The town rather than the countryside.

The Four Countries of the United Kingdom

Since 1922 the United Kingdom has been made up of four countries. The four countries of The United Kingdom are England, where we live, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. England, Scotland and Wales are on the same Island. Northern Ireland is on a different Island across the Irish Sea. Each of the four countries has their own flag. The flags of England, Scotland and Northern Ireland have been joined to create the Union Jack—the flag of The United Kingdom. All four countries are ruled by the King of England but they have their own governments.



Urban or Rural



Urban: Densely populated Lots of buildings



Rural: Less populated. Lots of open spaces

Symbols of the United Kingdom Countries



The Giant's Causeway

The Giant's Causeway is an interesting physical feature in Northern Ireland. The interesting shape of the rocks is due to the surface of the earth cracking and lava leaking out. Geologists believe this happened about 60 million years ago. The rocks are shaped like columns. It is called the Giant's Causeway because a story has been told that a Giant created the stepping stones.

