

Year 1 Geography Knowledge Organiser – Spring 1

This term we are looking at our wider environment and asking the question ‘What is it like to live in Manchester?’.

Key Vocabulary		Town and Country	The UK
town	A town is a place where people live and work. There may be shops, places of worship, leisure facilities and schools there. It is bigger than a village but smaller than a city.	In a town , you might find a football stadium, office blocks and shopping centres. In the countryside , you might find farms and open fields. Pros of towns might include the fact that there is lots going on and many places where you can get a job. Cons might include high noise levels and pollution.	The UK is made up of the island of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It is surrounded by the English Channel, the North Sea, the Irish Sea and the North Atlantic Ocean.
countryside	Land that is not in towns or cities. Sometimes there are small settlements (like hamlets and villages) there. The countryside has lots of farmland and often has woodland.	Pros of the countryside could include that it is peaceful and there is less traffic. Cons are that there might not as many job options or services that are easily available.	
pro	The positives of something.	Countries in the United Kingdom	
con	The negatives of something.	England: England is the largest country in the UK . London is the capital city . Many parts of England are flat but there is also lots of rural countryside with rolling hills and valleys in the north.	Scotland: Scotland is a country in the north of the UK . Edinburgh is the capital city . Scotland has large mountains including Ben Nevis, which is the largest in the UK .
country	An area of land with its own government, rules and borders.	Northern Ireland: Northern Ireland is the smallest country in the UK . Belfast is the capital city . One of the most famous landmarks is Giant's Causeway (natural rock steps mostly hexagonal in shape).	Wales: Wales is a mountainous country in the west of the UK . Cardiff is the capital city . Wales has its own language (Welsh). Not everyone there speaks it though.
UK	The United Kingdom. It is made up of four countries: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.		
island	An area of land surrounded by water.		

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Manchester

Population

Manchester has one of the top ten largest populations of UK cities. There are approximately 553 000 people living there.



Landmarks

- Manchester Town Hall
- The Printworks
- St. Ann's Square and Church
- Manchester United Football Club
- Manchester City Football Club



The Manchester Coat of Arms

In 1842, the Manchester coat of arms was given to the city. Each part of the image represents a feature of the city's past or its values.



Rivers

Many rivers run through Manchester, such as the river Medlock, the river Mersey and the river Irk.



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The Worker Bee

The worker bee is a well-known symbol of Manchester. It was first linked with the city during the Industrial Revolution. The bee represents the hard work that the people of Manchester have put into the city. It shows that it is a city created by the workers.

