

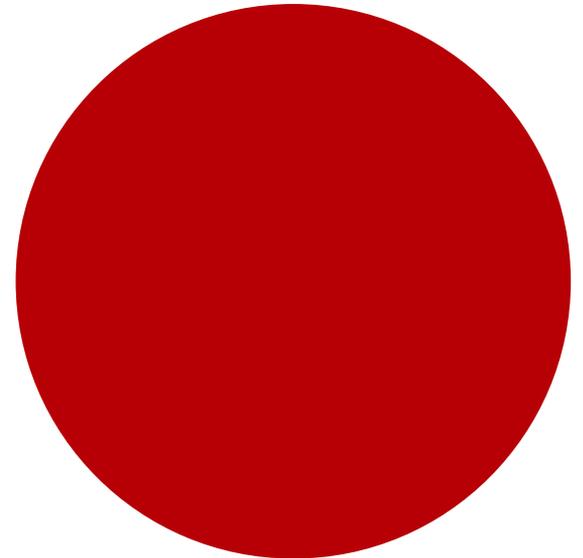
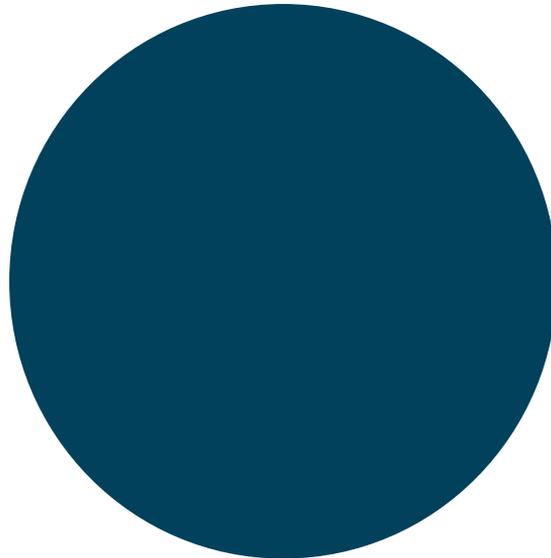
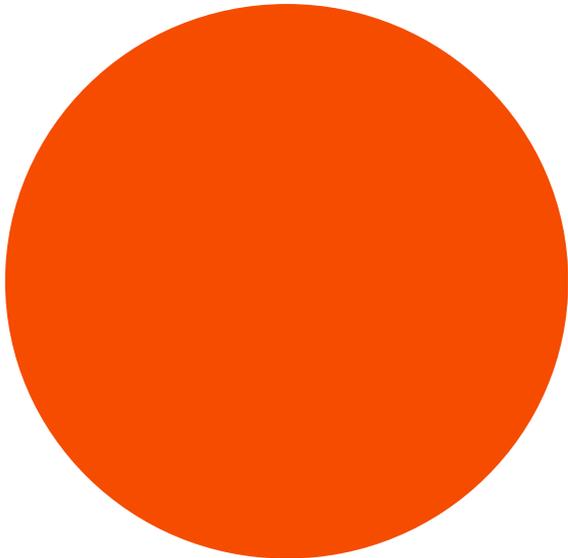


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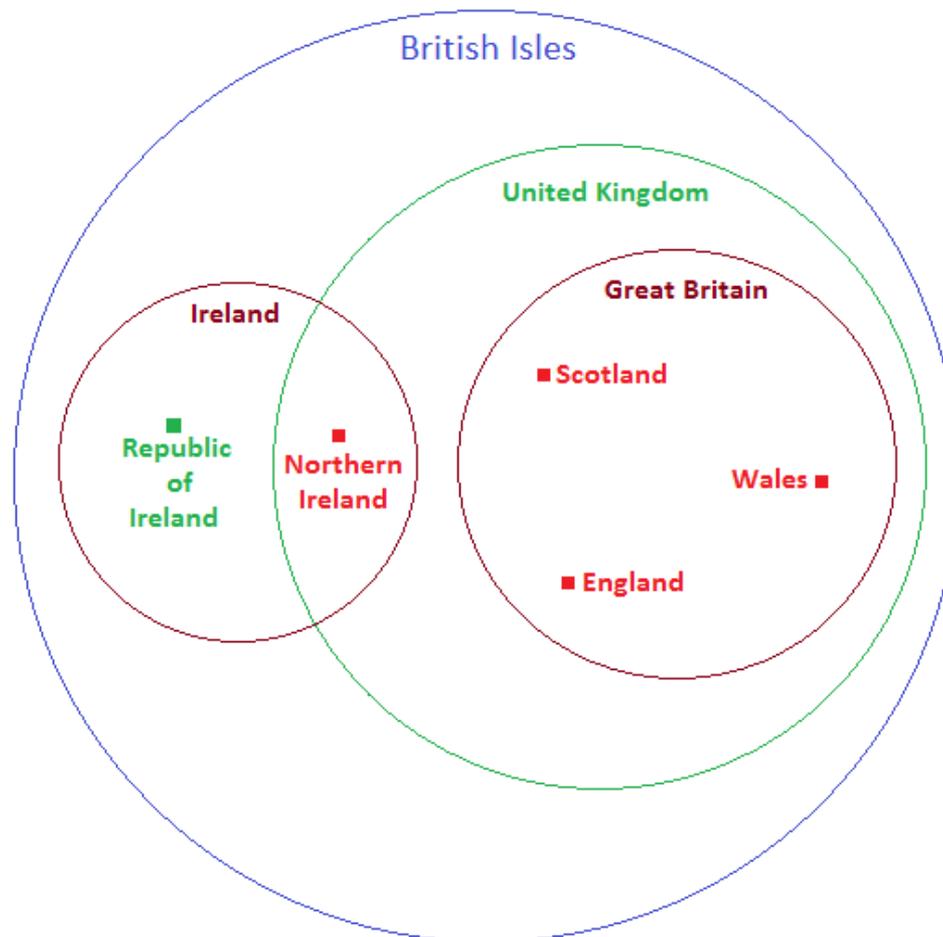
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Great Britain, UK or British Isles?

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Can you spot the difference?



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This term refers to the **islands** of Great Britain and Ireland – including the Republic of Ireland – and the 5000 or so smaller islands scattered around our coasts, such as the **Channel Isles and Isle of Man**.



(Remember this only refers to geography, not nationality, and while the Republic of Ireland is part of the British Isles, it is a separate country and the people are not British).

Great Britain

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This is the official collective name of **England, Scotland and Wales and their associated islands.**

It does not include Northern Ireland and therefore should not be used interchangeably with 'UK.'



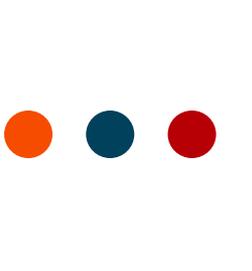
The United Kingdom

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The United Kingdom
includes England,
Northern Ireland,
Scotland and Wales.





Capital Cities

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- England – London
- Scotland – Edinburgh
- Wales – Cardiff
- Northern Ireland – Belfast
- Republic of Ireland – Dublin
- Can you find these cities on the map?

A Compass

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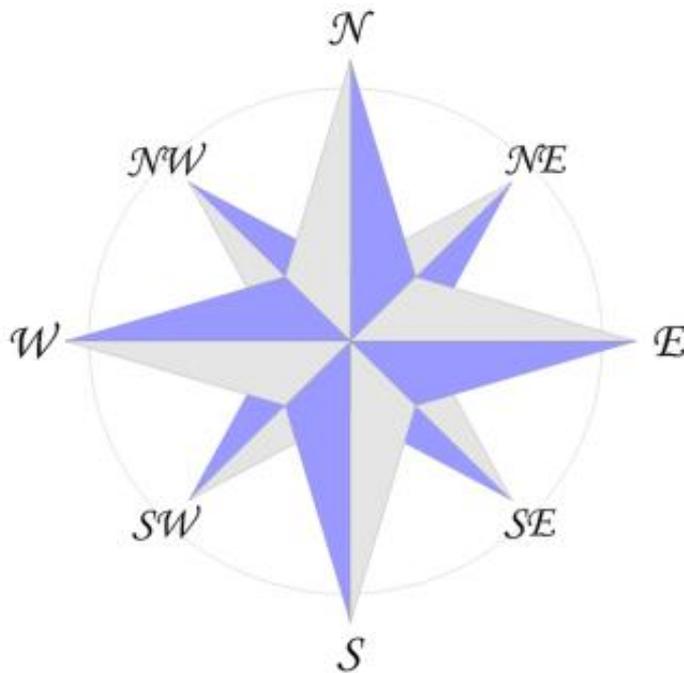
Map and Compass © Jaime Dobson, Flickr

Compass directions

- We can remember the compass points using rhymes:
- **N**ever **E**at **S**hredded **W**heat
- **N**aughty **E**lephants **S**quirt **W**ater



Compass Points



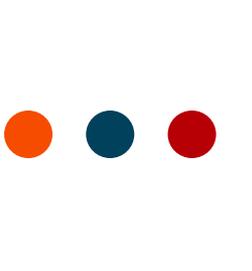
- Some compasses have more points on them than others.
- Apart from the the main four, you should also know:
 - Northeast
 - Northwest
 - Southeast
 - Southwest

Using a compass to find your way

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Using Compass Points

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- Is London located in the North west or South East of England?
- Which is further south: Cardiff or Dublin?
- Which capital city is farthest north?
- Where is Swavesey on the compass points?

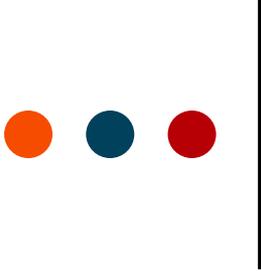
The Prime Meridian

Swavesey Primary School, which claims to be the only school in the United Kingdom to lie on the [meridian](#)

<https://www.rmg.co.uk/see-do/we-recommend/attractions/stand-worlds-historic-prime-meridian>
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Task: To locate places on a map.

- Use atlases/google earth etc to locate and record these places on your map:
- Cambridge
- London
- Cardiff
- Edinburgh Glasgow
- Dublin Belfast
- Swavesey* Record which county and country.

Plenary

○ How well do you know the counties of England?

Click
the link
to play.



<http://mapzone.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapzone/gamespages/EnglandGame.htm>