

Regions of the United Kingdom - 1

There are many ways in which the United Kingdom can be split into **regions**. You can look at the four parts of the UK; England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. You can also look at smaller areas within those parts called counties.

Another way to look at the United Kingdom as parts is to look at specific **geographical regions**. Geographical regions are larger than counties. There can be several counties in one region.

Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland are each classed as one region, and England is split into nine regions. There are twelve regions in total.

Officially, the government in the twentieth century created these regions; but it is believed that the boundaries of them can be dated back to Anglo Saxon territories from about AD 500.

London is the smallest region in size but it is very densely populated. London is the region where parliament meets and is the only region to have its own elected mayor.

This map shows the regions of the United Kingdom.



Who is the current mayor of London?

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Use the information about regions of the United Kingdom to complete the tasks below.

1. What geographical region do you live in? _____
2. How many geographical regions is England split into? _____
3. What is the name of the only region that has its own mayor?

4. Which is bigger by size, a region or a county? _____
5. Look at the table below, which gives the approximate populations of the English regions.

Region	Population	Region	Population
North West	7 052 000	East of England	5 847 000
North East	2 597 000	London	8 174 000
Yorkshire & The Humber	5 284 000	South West	5 289 000
West Midlands	5 602 000	South East	8 635 000
East Midlands	4 533 000		

- (a) Which region has the highest population? _____
 - (b) Which region has the lowest population? _____
 - (c) London is the smallest region by size, but it has the second largest population. What reasons can you think of for this?

6. Here are the names of some English cities. Which geographical region are they found in?
 - (a) Leeds _____
 - (b) Manchester _____
 - (c) Newcastle _____
 - (d) Norwich _____
 - (e) Birmingham _____



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Complete the tasks about regions of the United Kingdom.



1. Draw the boundaries to show the 12 regions of the United Kingdom on the map.
2. Label each region with the correct name.
3. Choose four cities and label them on the map. Each city must be in a different region.
4. Choose four regions and provide an additional fact about them.
5. Colour each region on the map in a different colour or shade.