# Local area study - Is it better to live in a rural or urban area?

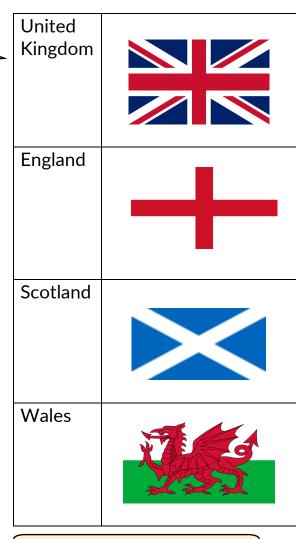
Key Vocabulary

Longitude	Imaginary lines that run from pole to pole and identifies the East or West position of a point on the Earth's surface.	
Latitude	Imaginary lines that circle the Earth, North or South of the equator.	
Key	A key or legend is a list of symbols that appear on the map. Symbols and colours can also represent different things like roads, rivers and land height.	
Contours	Contours are a collection of lines found on maps that show mountains, valleys and landforms. Contours are measured from sea level. If contours are closely spaced, it means that the land is very steep, if the contours are widely spaced, it means the land is flatter.	
Population	A population is the number of living things that live together in the same place.	
Urban	An urban area is the region surrounding a city. Most inhabitants of urban areas have nonagricultural jobs. Urban areas are very developed, meaning there is a density of human structures such as houses, commercial buildings, roads, bridges, and railways.	
Rural	A rural area in the UK is defined as an area with a population of less than 10,000 people. Villages become "towns" as soon as they pass this figure. Generally, a rural area is usually defined as one that is relatively sparsely populated and either left as wilderness or with farming as a major economic activity.	

Did you know:
Northern Ireland is a part of the United
Kingdom but has no officially recognised flag.

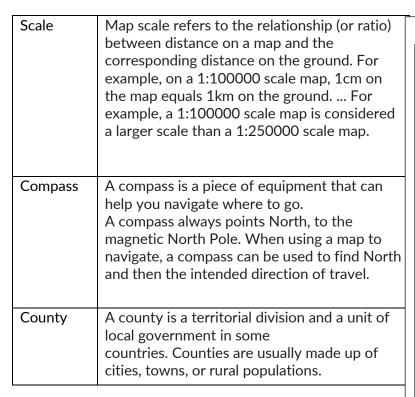


#### Flags of the United Kingdom



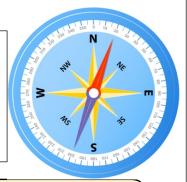
Can you locate the county of Derbyshire from the map of the UK?

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### Points of a Compass

Compasses can be used to tell us which direction we are traveling and the direction of North.



Some maps can even include a view from the street level. Say hi to Mrs Mallabar!

#### Different types of map



OS Map



**Google Street View** 



New Mills is part of the Peak District, located in the county of Derbyshire.

Some maps can be used in Satnays to direct us in a car.

Road maps might not be the best option for walkers. They may need to use an OS map.

#### Key/Legend of an OS map

△ Triangulation pillar

Δ Mast

Windmill with or without sails

Wind pump

Wind turbine

Building; important building

Youth hostel

Bunkhouse, camping barn or

OS maps contain a lot of information that would be useful for walkers. This is done through the use of symbols and a key.

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## Assessment

Question	Pre-topic response	Post-topic response
Can you name the countries of the United Kingdom?		
What do you think rural area means?		
What do you think urban area means?		
What is a key/legend used for?		
In a clockwise direction, what are the four main points of a compass?		
What do contours on an OS map represent?		