

## Knowledge about the UK

- The UK is divided into regions called **counties**.
- Staffordshire** is my home county.
- Counties that border Staffordshire include: **Cheshire, Derbyshire** and **Shropshire**.
- Some key human and physical features of Staffordshire include: **Alton Towers, Rudyard Lake** and **Trentham Gardens**.
- Topography** describes the **physical features** of an area of land including natural formations such as **mountains, rivers, lakes** and **valleys**.
- Some topographical features of Staffordshire include the **Castle Ring** and **Hednesford Hills**.
- Staffordshire is famous for **pottery, oatcakes** and **Robbie Williams**.
- Staffordshire has changed over time due to human interaction such as the **Industrial Revolution**.
- England has 55 **cities**.
- City status in the UK can be associated with having a **large population, university, cathedral** or a particular form of local government.
- Birmingham** is a city close to our locality that has many human and physical features.
- Key industries in Birmingham include: **jewellery, aerospace, cars** and **food and drink**.

## Subject-Specific Vocabulary

Word	Definition
<b>Tier 1</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Capital city	A city where <b>the government</b> of that country is based.
<input type="checkbox"/> City	A settlement that is usually larger than a town and has a <b>local government, large population</b> and a <b>cathedral</b> or <b>university</b> .
<input type="checkbox"/> Country	Land that is controlled by a <b>single government</b> .
<input type="checkbox"/> Town	An inhabited place larger than a village but smaller than a city.
<b>Tier 2</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<b>Farming</b> animals and crops.
<input type="checkbox"/> County	A county is an area within a country that usually contains lots of <b>towns</b> and <b>villages</b> .
<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	A group of <b>businesses</b> that produce a particular kind of <b>goods</b> or <b>services</b> .
<input type="checkbox"/> Locality	The area local to where you live.
<input type="checkbox"/> Man-made	Things are created or caused by <b>people</b> , rather than occurring naturally.
<input type="checkbox"/> Natural	Existing in or produced by <b>nature</b> .
<input type="checkbox"/> OS map	Ordnance Survey map which shows all the roads, paths and hills of an area in detail.
<input type="checkbox"/> Staffordshire	A <b>county</b> of central England.
<b>Tier 3</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Elevation	The distance above <b>sea level</b> .
<input type="checkbox"/> Topography	Topography describes the <b>physical features</b> of an area of land.

## Geography Skills



- Locational Knowledge
- Human and Physical Features
- Place Knowledge

## Y3 Geographical Regions of the UK



## Geographical Skills Knowledge

- OS maps help to locate places in the UK.
- Compare and contrast Stafford and Birmingham.
- Express my own viewpoint about places local to me.
- Draw conclusions about a place in the UK.

## Links

- Y1- Leasowes and Weeping Cross
- Y1 - Comparing forests
- Y2 - Comparing London to a region in India
- Y2 – Seven continents, the five oceans and the United Kingdom

## Reading Texts

*Maps of the United Kingdom* by Rachel Dixon and Livi Gosling.

*The Big Book of the UK: Facts, folklore and fascinations from around the United Kingdom* by Imogen Russell Williams.