



KEY KNOWLEDGE

The United Kingdom is a country of western **Europe**. It is made up of four parts: **England, Scotland and Wales**, and **Northern Ireland**. The country's full name is the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. 

Britain is an island country and the surrounding sea gives it a varied climate. We never know what the weather will be like from one day to the other. It can be sunny one day and rainy the next. 

As we have such a variable climate changing from day to day, it is difficult to predict the weather. In general we have **warm summers and cool winters. Our summers are cooler than those on the continent, but the winters are milder.** 

The types of jobs people do has changed. In 1800 most people would have been employed in **primary industries**. Most people worked on farms. Nowadays, due to increased use of machinery, on about 3% work in the primary sector. 

Today most people work in **tertiary industries** – doing jobs that provide services to others, like working in shops, bus drivers, teachers. 18% of people are employed in the **secondary industries** in the manufacturing industry. 



The UK



A secondary industry in Wigan



SPEAK
READ
ARTICULATE
THINK
QUESTION
WRITE
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LIKE AN EXPERT.

FURTHER READING

- <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/countries/united-kingdom/>
- https://kids.kiddle.co/Jurassic_Coast
- https://www.ducksters.com/science/earth_science/ice_age.php
- <http://www.localhistories.org/wigan.html>



KEY VOCABULARY

Physical features

Natural characteristics, such as soils, climate and landforms.

Human features

Human characteristics, such as towns and cities, population and industry.

British Isles

A group of islands off the north-western coast of Europe. The group consists of two main islands, Great Britain and Ireland,

.United Kingdom

A country made up of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Great Britain

The part of The UK made up of England, Scotland and Wales.

Climate

The weather found in a certain place over a long period of time.

Primary industry

The extraction of natural resources from the land or sea. Jobs include fishing, farming and mining.

Secondary industry

Making products with raw materials (manufacturing). Jobs include making cars and food processing.

Tertiary industry

Providing a service to the public. Jobs include teaching, hairdressing and working in shops.

Quaternary industry

Involves research and development industries e.g. IT, pharmaceuticals

Ice Age

A time when thick ice sheets called glaciers covered huge areas of land.

Physical processes

Natural processes, including tectonic plate movement, weathering and erosion.

Jurassic Coast

A World Heritage Site on the south coast of England which displays 185 million years of rock formation and change.

Sedimentary rock

Rocks formed when sand, mud and pebbles were laid down in layers.

Limestone

A sedimentary rock that is made up of bits of animal shells.