

Where and what is the United Kingdom?	Key information about the United Kingdom	Vocabulary	
<p>The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland lies in Europe, located north-west off the European mainland. It includes the island of Great Britain, the north-eastern part of the island of Ireland, and other smaller islands.</p> <p>UK regions are usually listed as: Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland; northeast England, northeast England, Yorkshire and the Humber, East Midlands, West Midlands, East of England, Greater London, southeast England, southwest England.</p>	<p>The UK is the world's 22nd most-populated country, with some 64 million inhabitants. London, the capital city, covers the third-largest urban area in Europe.</p> <p>The UK has the sixth-largest national economy in the world. There are significant regional variations in wealth: southeast England and south Scotland are the richest areas.</p>	borough	A borough is a town, or a district within a large town, which has its own council.
		city	A city is a large town.
What was the impact of WW2 on the West Midlands?	The United Kingdom — Then, Now and Next Our big question: How is our country changing?	enquiry	An <i>enquiry</i> is a question which you ask in order to get information.
		human features	human activity or something that is man-made.
<p>Before World War Two, the West Midlands had a huge metal-working industry. The city of Coventry made cars, bicycles, aeroplane engines and munitions – all expanded to support the war effort. Coventry became a target for air raids, and on the night of 14th November 1940 the city was heavily bombed in a raid intended to destroy factories. The attack demolished most of the city centre and the medieval cathedral; 568 people were killed and many injured; thousands of homes were destroyed or damaged. The bombers succeeded in damaging 75% of factories.</p>	How is Birmingham changing? Birmingham has begun a campaign called 'Brum breathes' whereby there are clean air zones as a way of reducing emissions and encouraging less use of cars which cause pollution with the city centre. This is one of the many changes that Birmingham is experiencing as one of the most populated cities in the United Kingdom.	legacy	A legacy of an event or period of history is something which continues to exist after it is over.
		local area	Local means existing in or belonging to the area where you live, or to the area that you are talking about.
		regeneration	Regeneration is the process of redeveloping that land and improving the area.
		region	A region is a large area of land that is different from other areas of land, for example because it is one of the different parts of a country with its own customs and characteristics, or because it has a particular geographical feature.
		sustainability	Sustainability is ensuring that the planet and all of its resources can continue to provide a home for the humans, animals and plants that live here.