

info buzz

THE UNITED KINGDOM

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INFO BUZZ GEOGRAPHY

Info Buzz Geography is a set of carefully graded 24-page books that introduces young readers to aspects of human and physical geography of significant countries in different continents. Other titles in the series are Argentina, India and Japan.

Children reading at **Bookband Purple**, who may be in Year 2, should be able to access most of the text independently, except for the pronunciation of some of the country-specific vocabulary. Children reading at a lower level are likely to need more help with the book.

The books all follow a predictable organisational structure for an information report text.

Key features of the books include:

- Written in the third person, present tense
- Divided into double-page spreads with a heading to define the topic
- Contents, index, glossary, photographs with captions
- Maps
- Questions to help children link their own experiences to the subject matter
- A quiz
- Teaching notes

The book supports schools in delivering the English national curriculum requirement to teach geography in key stage 1, specifically in inspiring a curiosity and fascination about the world and its people. It includes information about:

- The countries that make up the United Kingdom
- Capital cities and countryside in the UK
- Interesting places to visit in the UK
- UK culture: food, sports and festivals
- Wildlife around the UK
- Famous people from the UK

WORKSHEETS

Each book is accompanied by two worksheets.

Access to the book will be needed for the first of the worksheets, but the second can be completed without the book although access to simple information about the UK, and particularly the country and area you live in, is assumed. All of the activities are linked to the English national curriculum (2014).

WORKSHEET UNITED KINGDOM: 1

- Asks children to use information in the book to complete a table to show which facts are true for which countries in the UK.
- Introduces the conventions of using a table to record responses and explains that the children need to add a tick to the correct column, or columns, each time to answer the questions.
- Encourages children to write their own question that they can also answer.

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Learning objective: to find information in a non-fiction book.

Comprehension skills practised:

- Using contents/index to identify where to find the information
- Scanning the text for the key words
- Beginning to skim the text to identify where to read more carefully
- Careful reading of relevant passages to confirm answers

WORKSHEET UNITED KINGDOM: 2

- Asks children to record information about the country they live in and their local area. Some of the information about the country and the places near where you live will generate shared answers, but many of the questions will be individual to each child, and in particular for children from minority ethnic groups.

Learning objective: to think about how someone felt during their experiences.

Comprehension skills practised:

- Finding information, including from pictures
- Considering information requested
- Selecting information and ideas to record from a range of sources, including personal experiences.

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Read each sentence. Tick to show which UK country it is true for. Sometimes you might need to tick more than one box for a sentence.

	England	Northern Ireland	Scotland	Wales
The country is in the UK				
The country is very close to Ireland				
The country is close to France				
Belfast is its capital city				
Cardiff is its capital city				
Edinburgh is its capital city				
London is its capital city				
Ben Nevis is in ...				
The Giant's Causeway is in ...				
Stonehenge is in ...				
Conwy Castle is in ...				
Some people eat haggis in ...				
Some people eat cawl in ...				
People celebrate St David's Day in ...				
People celebrate Hogmanay in ...				
Write a new sentence of your own, then tick to show which country it is true for.				

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1. If you live in the UK, which country do you live in?

England		Northern Ireland	
Scotland		Wales	

2. What is the capital city of the country you live in?

3. Which countries in the UK have you visited?

England		Northern Ireland	
Scotland		Wales	

4. What is the countryside like near where you live?

5. List two interesting places near where you live.

6. Which festivals do you celebrate?



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7. Which foods do you eat that are special to where you live?

8. Which sports do people who live near you play?

9. List some of the wildlife you have seen.

10. Which famous people come from the country you live in?
