

Big Question:



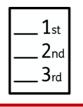
Would you rather live in the UK or USA?

Key Vocabulary:

- Settlement: a place, typically one which has previously been uninhabited, where people establish a community.
- Hemisphere: a half of the earth, usually as divided into northern and southern halves by the equator, or into western and eastern halves by an imaginary line passing through the poles.
- USA: United States of America.
- UK: United Kingdom

New knowledge that will help me answer the big question:

Settlements come in many different sizes and these can be ranked according to their population and the level of services available. A settlement hierarchy includes hamlet, village, town, city and large city.



Knowledge from Y1 that will help me answer the big question:

 A continent is a large area of land. The world's seven continents are Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America and South America. The five oceans are the Arctic Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, Indian Ocean, Pacific Ocean and Southern Ocean.

Knowledge from Y2 that will help me answer the big question:

 An ocean is a large sea. There are five oceans on our planet called the Arctic, Atlantic, Indian, Pacific and Southern Oceans. Seas include the Black, Red and Caspian Seas. The United Kingdom is an island surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean, English Channel, Irish Sea and North Sea.

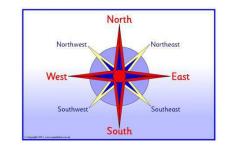
Knowledge from Y3 that will help me answer the big question:

• Countries in Europe include the United Kingdom, France, Spain, Germany, Italy and Belgium. Russia is part of both Europe and Asia.



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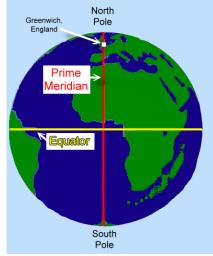
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Each time zone that is 15 degrees to the west of Greenwich is another hour earlier than GMT. Each time zone 15 degrees to the east is another hour later.

As a Geographer, the essential knowledge I need to answer the big question is:	Date
The North continent includes the countries of the USA, Canada and Mexico as well as the Central American countries of Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama. The South American continent includes the countries of Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Peru, Venezuela, Uruguay, Ecuador, Bolivia and Paraguay.	
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Human features can be interconnected by function, type and transport links.	
Geographical data, such as demographics or economic statistics, can be used as evidence to support conclusions. Fieldwork techniques, such as sketch maps, data collection and digital technologies, can provide evidence to support and answer a geographical hypothesis.	