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The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is situated on the British Isles. The British Isles consist of two large islands, Great Britain and Ireland, and about five thousand small islands. Their total area is over 244,000 square kilometres.



The United Kingdom is one of the world's smaller countries. Its population is over 57 million. About 80 percent of the population is urban.







The British Isles are separated from the Continent by the North Sea, the English Channel and the Strait of Dover. The western coast of Great Britain is washed by the Atlantic Ocean and the Irish Sea.





There are a lot of rivers in Great Britain, but they are not very long. The Severn is the longest river,

while the Thames is the deepest and the most important one.



