



# Geography

## Magical Mapping

# Atlas Skills

## The UK



Scotland

Northern  
Ireland

Eire

England

Wales

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A stylized map of Scotland in light green, with the word "Scotland" written in a light green font. The map is set against a light blue background representing the sea.

# Aim

- I can identify map symbols.
- I can use an atlas to find places in the UK.

A stylized map of Wales in light green, with the word "Wales" written in a light green font. The map is set against a light blue background representing the sea.

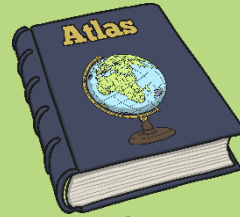
# Success Criteria

- I can name four map symbols which are used on maps.
- I can say why map symbols are used.
- I can use an index in an atlas to find countries and places in the UK.
- I can explain to my partner how to use an atlas.

# Key Words



map symbols



atlas



index

page numbers

contents



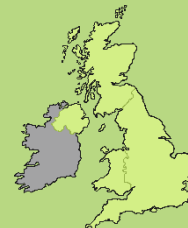
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human

physical



continent



country



capital city

Wales

# Map Symbol Bingo!



What are map symbols?

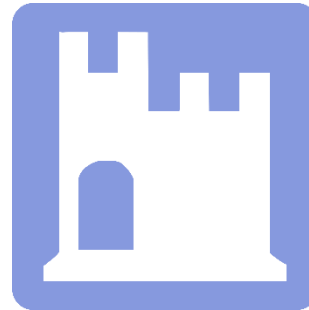
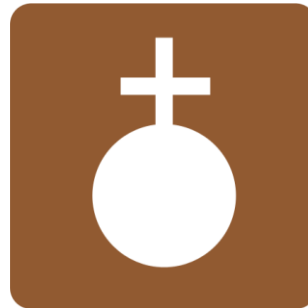
Why do we use map symbols?

What other symbols do we use in our everyday environment?



We are going to play Map Symbol Bingo! Draw a grid with 6 squares on your mini whiteboard, like this:


# Map Symbol Bingo!



Wales

# Amazing Atlases

## Talking Point



In pairs, write or draw a list of all the things we can say about an atlas. Record your ideas on a mini-whiteboard.

What can we say about an atlas?

What do we use an atlas for?

When might you use an atlas?



# How Do We Use an Atlas?



An atlas is a collection of maps of the Earth. An atlas shows maps of continents, countries and features such as oceans, rivers, mountains and lakes.

Let's look at contents.

The contents page shows us a list of all the maps in the atlas and the page number they can be found.

Let's look at index.

The index page lists all of the countries, cities and towns which can be found in the atlas. Beside the listings, there is usually a page reference and sometimes a 'letter' which describes what kind of feature such as: r= river, c= city, m = mountain.

## London c. England 29

Name of feature

Type of feature  
c = city (see key)

Country it is located in

Page number of atlas

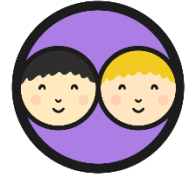


# United Kingdom



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# Finding Places



Work in pairs to find these places using your atlas. Use the index carefully, write down the page number, then find the country, place or feature.

- London
- Sheffield
- River Severn
- Cardiff
- Belfast
- Dundee
- Mount Snowden
- Lake Windermere
- Grampian Mountains



# Atlas Scavenger Hunt



## Remember to:

- Turn to the Index page
- Use alphabetical order to find the place or feature
- Write down the page number
- Turn to the correct page
- Find the place or feature

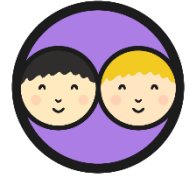
### Atlas Scavenger Hunt

Use an atlas to find the places and features below:

Place	Page Number	Found it! ✓
England		
Scotland		
Wales		
Northern Ireland		
London		
Belfast		
Newcastle		
Dundee		
Sheffield		
River Thames		
Isle of Wight		
English Channel		

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# Spot It!



On your marks to see how quickly you can find places in your atlas!

Ready, Steady....

**Go**



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