

What should I already know?

Wales is a country that is a part of the United Kingdom. It is on the island of Great Britain.

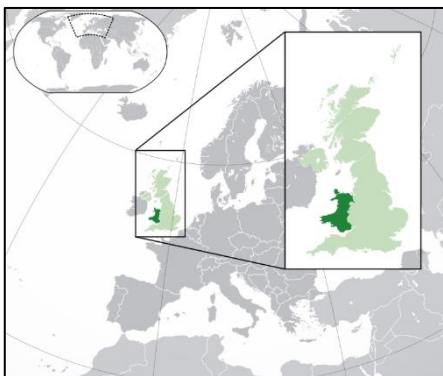
England is to the west, the Irish Sea to the north and west and the Bristol Channel to the south.

The other countries in the United Kingdom are England, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

In the Welsh language, Wales is called Cymru.

Wales has a population of just over 3 million people.

The capital city of Wales is Cardiff.



Human Geography

Wales remains a member of the United Kingdom, however it has its own government.

<p>Population</p>		<p>-The population of Wales is just over 3 million people. The population density is 151 people per square kilometre.</p>
<p>Settlements</p>		<p>-The capital city of Wales is Cardiff. It has a population of nearly half a million people. The second and third most populous cities are Newport and Swansea, with around 300,000 people each.</p>
<p>Economic Activity</p>		<p>-Like the rest of the UK, the currency in Wales is pounds sterling.</p>
<p>Resources/ Trade</p>		<p>-Wales had a large agriculture industry. Tourism is now very important.</p>



Key Vocabulary

- Wales
- Cardiff
- Great Britain
- United Kingdom
- Europe
- Mt Snowdon
- Swansea
- Cardigan Bay
- Snowdonia
- Cambrian
- Brecon Beacons

Physical Geography

- Wales is in the southwestern part of the island of Great Britain.
- The land in Wales is rugged, with a number of upland areas.
- The northwest of the country is dominated by the Snowdonia mountain range, the Cambrian mountains extend north to south, and the Brecon Beacons are in the south.
- The highest mountain in Wales is Mount Snowdon, at 1085 metres.
- Wales has a number of offshore islands, the largest of which is Anglesey.
- Amongst the main rivers are the River Dee, the Clwyd and the Conwy.
- The total coastline length of Wales (including offshore islands) is 2,704km.
- Cardigan Bay is the largest bay in Wales.

