

# Bright Lights, Big City



These activities are for you to do at home with an adult. You can do all of them or choose the ones that you find most interesting.

## Activities

1. Four countries make up the United Kingdom. Use an atlas, map or the internet to find out the names of each of the four countries and the surrounding seas and oceans. Print off a blank map of the United Kingdom and label the four countries and surrounding seas and oceans on the map. Mark the place where you live.
2. Who is the current monarch of the United Kingdom? Find out as much as you can about them, using a range of sources. Draw a picture of them and write a list of facts to go with your illustration.
- 3a. The monarch of the United Kingdom lives in London. London is the capital city of the United Kingdom. Use information books and the internet to find out as much as you can about London. Create an information poster to record what you have found. You might like to include pictures and the following headings: landmarks, buildings, types of jobs and people.
- 3b. Why not repeat this activity for the city, town or village where you live? How are London and the place where you live similar or different?
4. All cities, towns and villages have many human features. Human features are man-made, such as buildings, roads and bridges. Write a list of the human features found in cities, towns and villages.
5. Physical features form naturally. Examples include hills, lakes and islands. Write a list of physical features found in the United Kingdom.
6. A map is a picture of an area of land or sea that shows the human and physical features of a place. Explore London on a map, using Google Maps or OS maps online. What human and physical features can you see on the map? Draw a simple sketch of a section of the map and label the physical and human features.



7. Take a walk around your local area. Make a list or draw pictures of the physical and human features that you find. If you draw pictures, label each one.
8. Use an atlas, world map or online maps to look for a world city, such as Paris, Berlin, Lagos, Tokyo, Moscow or Barcelona. Choose one that you think looks interesting and use information books and the internet to help you to find out about the city. Write interesting facts about the city on a mind map.
9. Finish your home learning by writing some sentences or explaining to an adult what you have learned about human and physical features, cities, the current monarch, and the capital city, London.

### Useful websites

BBC Bitesize – Let’s explore the UK

Visit London – Welcome to London

BBC Teach – Geography KS1 – Transport, travel and landmarks of London

BBC Bitesize – What are human and physical features?

National Geographic Kids – 15 Fun Facts about the Queen

DKfindout! – Queen Elizabeth The Second Facts for Kids

### Good reads

Title	Author	ISBN
London Children’s Map	Kourtney Harper	9781904711049
Children’s Picture Atlas	Ruth Brocklehurst	9780746047132
Queen Elizabeth II (Info Buzz)	Izzi Howell	9781445158860
London (Capital Cities of the United Kingdom)	Chris Oxlade and Anita Ganeri	9781474727709
Cities of the World	Becky Davies	9781788817189
Katie In London	James Mayhew	9781408331934
The Queen’s Hat	Steve Antony	9781444919158

