

# COUNTIES AND REGIONS OF ENGLAND

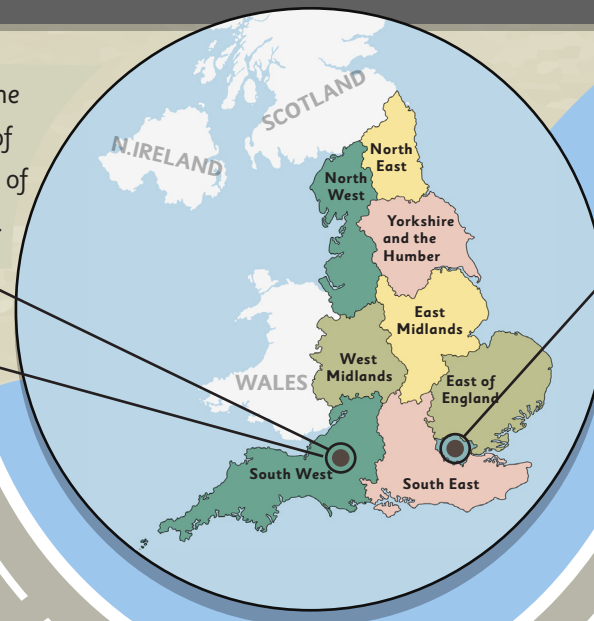
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COUNTIES

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CITIES



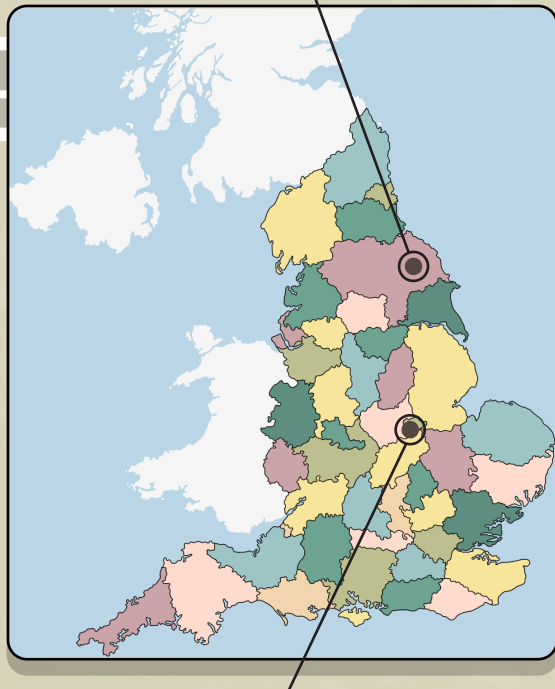
The largest region by area is the South West. It has 700 miles of coastline and includes a group of islands called the Isles of Scilly.



Greater London is the smallest region by area, but it has the largest population.



North Yorkshire is the largest county. **700 MILES OF COASTLINE**



Rutland is the smallest county with an area of only 147.4 square miles.



## HAMLET

Hamlets are very small settlements that contain only a handful of houses. They are usually surrounded by wide areas of farmland and quiet countryside. People who live in hamlets often need to travel to a nearby town when they want to buy things, see a doctor or go to school.



# VILLAGE



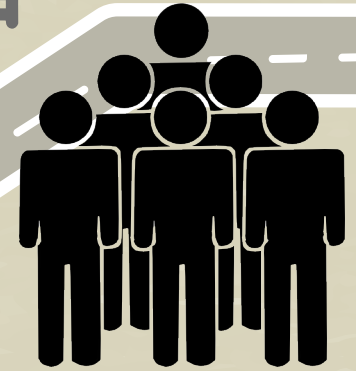
Villages are small, rural settlements. They are larger than hamlets, with houses positioned closer together. A village typically contains a greater variety of buildings, including shops and small local businesses.

Common features of villages:

- quiet roads
- a village hall
- a pub
- a church
- a post office and perhaps some shops
- a primary school



Village life can feel like a community because villages are small enough for people to know one another and have places to meet. Villages often hold events and markets to bring villagers together.



# TOWN

A town is a type of urban settlement although it is smaller in size and population than a city. It has a wider range of facilities. These might include places to play, learn new skills, keep fit, receive medical help or attend religious services. People can travel around a town by walking, riding a bike or making a short bus or car journey.

Common features of towns:

- many houses
- busy roads
- restaurants, hotels and pubs
- more shops (including a supermarket)
- a secondary school
- a leisure centre
- places of worship



Towns are busier than villages because they have more roads, houses and businesses.



## Common features of cities:

- museums, theatres and other attractions
- parks
- a cathedral and other places of worship
- shopping centres
- a university
- offices, warehouses and factories
- cafes and restaurants



Cities are huge urban settlements that are very busy! They are lively, cultural and exciting places with various things to do. People travel into cities from further away to work, visit attractions, learn at universities and relax in parks.



Because many people move to cities, lots of housing must be built. Blocks of flats are common.



Historically, a settlement would have become a city if it had a cathedral. Therefore, many still do, but they also have many different places of worship.