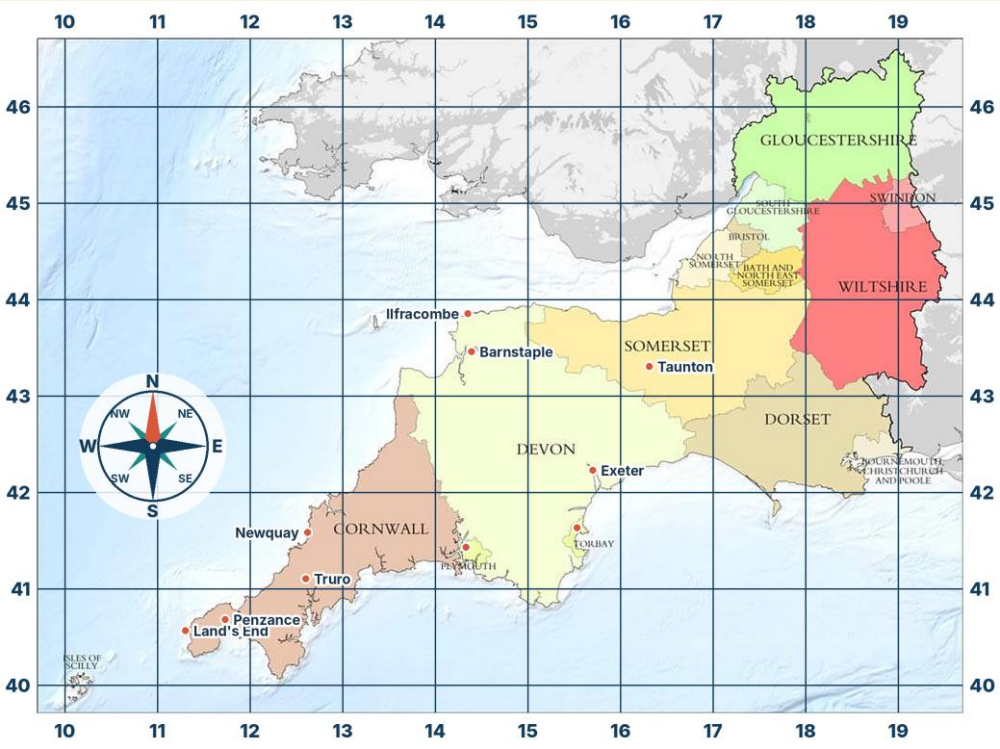
Around the Counties

Geography knowledge organiser · Devon, the UK and map skills

Year 3



Grid references: along the corridor (eastings), then up the stairs (northings). Base map: freeworldmaps.net

Key facts

- Devon is a county in the **South West** region of England.
- Devon borders three counties: **Cornwall** to the west, **Somerset** to the north-east and **Dorset** to the east.
- Devon has **two coasts**: the north coast on the Bristol Channel and the south coast on the English Channel.
- The **River Tamar** forms most of the border between Devon and Cornwall.
- **Dartmoor** and **Exmoor** are national parks with high, open moorland. Part of Exmoor is in Somerset.
- **Exeter** is Devon's county town. **Plymouth** is its largest city.

High places of the UK

Ben Nevis	Yr Wyddfa (Snowdon)	Scafell Pike	Slieve Donard	High Willhays
1,345 m	**1,085 m**	**978 m**	**850 m**	**621 m**
Scotland	Wales	England	N. Ireland	Dartmoor, Devon

My goals

- **I KNOW** the location of Devon and its surrounding counties.
- **I KNOW** some of the geographical regions and counties of the United Kingdom, and their identifying human and physical characteristics.
- **I KNOW** key topographical features of the United Kingdom, including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers.
- **I CAN** use four-figure grid references to find a square on a simple map.
- **I CAN** begin to use six-figure grid references by dividing a square into smaller parts to find a more exact location.
- **I CAN** use keys and symbols, including in Ordnance Survey maps.
- **I CAN** observe and record simple human and physical features in the local area, using basic methods like simple sketch maps and notes.

Key words

County – An area of a country with its own local council.

Region – A large area made up of several counties.

Topography – The shape and features of the land.

Eastings – The numbers along the bottom of a map. Read these first.

Key – Explains what the symbols on a map mean.

Border – The line where one place meets another.

Coast – Where the land meets the sea.

Grid reference – Numbers that tell you which square of a map to look in.

Northings – The numbers up the side of a map. Read these second.

Fieldwork – Going outside to look, measure and record.