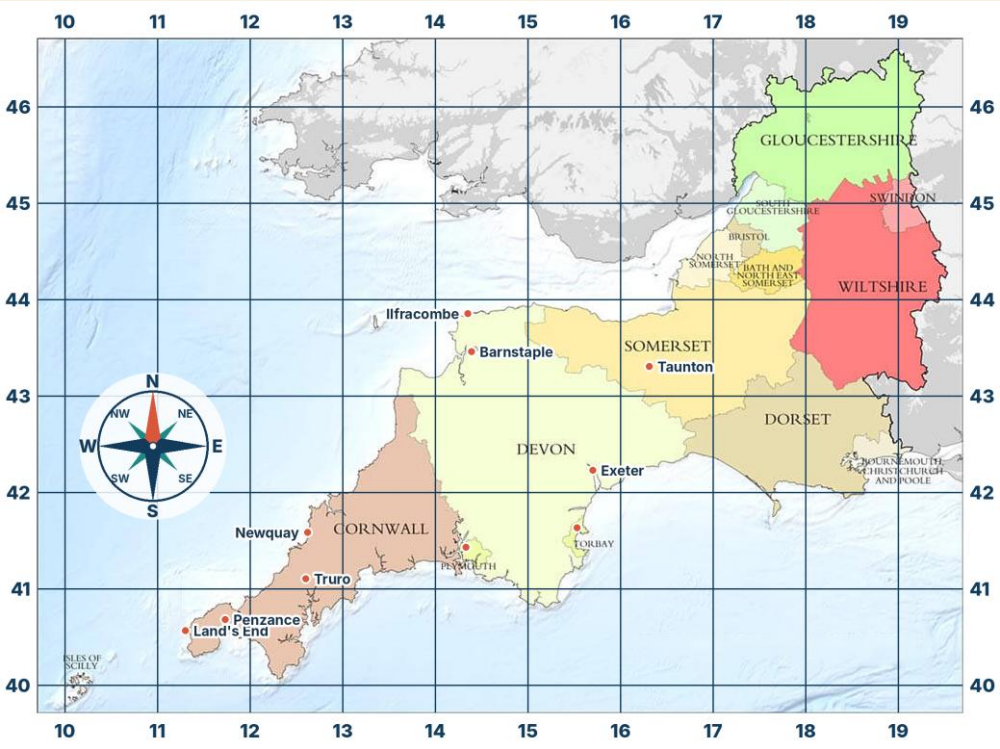
Around the Counties

Geography knowledge organiser · Devon, the UK and map skills

Year 6



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** apply six-figure grid references accurately to describe and compare the locations of features on detailed maps.
- **I CAN** use six-figure grid references to explain the spatial relationships between places in the UK and beyond.
- **I CAN** use keys and symbols, including in Ordnance Survey maps.
- **I CAN** conduct detailed fieldwork using multiple methods, including sketch maps, plans, graphs and measurements, to observe, record and begin to analyse human and physical features in the local area.

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.