

EXPLORING COUNTRIES

Scotland





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Level 1 provides the most support through repetition of high-frequency words, light text, predictable sentence patterns, and strong visual support.

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Whichever book is right for your reader, Blastoff! Readers are the perfect books to build confidence and encourage a love of reading that will last a lifetime!

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Where Is Scotland?

Did you know?

The Orkney Islands lie off the northern coast of Scotland. They have ruins of civilizations from thousands of years ago!



Orkney Islands

Scotland

Edinburgh

Atlantic Ocean

Northern Ireland

Irish Sea

England

Wales





North Sea

Scotland is a country that covers the northern part of **Great Britain** and includes several small islands. It spans a total of 30,414 square miles (78,772 square kilometers). Together with England, Wales, and Northern Ireland, it makes up the **United Kingdom (U.K.)**.

The Atlantic Ocean lies to the north and west of Scotland. The Irish Sea is to the southwest, and to the east lies the North Sea. Scotland's capital, Edinburgh, is located on the eastern coast. Scotland shares its southern border with England.



fun fact

Around 2,000 castles can be found throughout the Scottish landscape. Many are hundreds of years old.

Scotland has a variety of landscapes. Many **fjords** cut into the coasts. The Scottish call these *firths*, and the four largest are Moray, Lorne, Solway, and Clyde. On the western part of the country, many islands lie near or within the *firths* and farther off the coasts.

In the north, the highlands consist of peaks, cliffs, and steep valleys. Ben Nevis is the highest point in all of Great Britain. It rises 4,406 feet (1,343 meters) in the highlands. The middle of Scotland contains sweeping hills and is lower than the highlands. To the south, the landscape rises before gently meeting the sea.



Did you know?
Scottish people from the highlands are called highlanders. Those from the lowlands are called lowlanders.

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