EXPLORING COUNTRIES

Scotland





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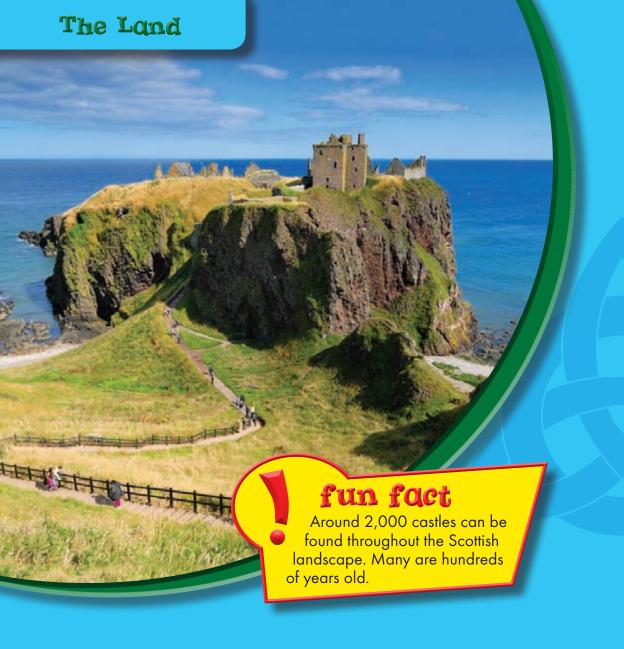
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Where Is Scotland? Orkney Islands Did you know? The Orkney Islands lie off the northern coast of Scotland. They have ruins of civilizations from thousands of years ago! Edinburgh **Atlantic** Ocean Northern Ireland Irish Sea England Wales Ē 4





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.



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