

Knowledge Organiser for Year 5- European region study

Big question: Would you rather live in Cambourne or Catalonia?

National curriculum specification

- Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries and major cities.
- Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region in a European country.
- Use maps, atlases and globes to locate countries and describe features studied.



Key facts/figures

Capital city of Spain	Madrid
Continent	Europe
Currency	Euro
Seas	Mediterranean Sea, Atlantic Ocean
Borders	Portugal, France, Andorra, Gibraltar (a British Overseas Territory)
Population	46,733,038 (2018)
Religion	67.0% Catholicism 27.2% No religion 3.1% Other religions
Language	Spanish
Capital city of Catalonia	Barcelona

Key features and landmarks

Mountain ranges	Pyrenees (North of Spain), Sierra Nevada (South of Spain)
Highest mountain	El Teide on Tenerife – 3718m (a dormant volcano)
Coastal areas	Spain has over 4964km of coastline, including Costa Brava and Costa Dorado in Catalonia
Islands	Balearic Islands, Canary Islands,
Longest River	Rio Ebro – 910km
Catalonia	An autonomous community of Spain. It is located in the North East of Spain and shares borders with France and Andorra. It's capital is Barcelona.

Key vocabulary/Tier 3

Autonomous Communities	The 17 areas (regions) which Spain is split into for governance purposes.
Coastline	The area around a country where the land meets the sea
Continent	A large or continuous expanse of land.
Dormant Volcano	A volcano which is no longer active (erupting or likely to erupt)
Peninsula	A landform surrounded by water on the majority of it's border. Spain is on the Iberian Peninsula

Key concepts

Governance – Spain is made up of 17 autonomous communities (regions) which have their own smaller governments who can make local decisions about education, healthcare, culture and development. There is still one overall government for the country as well.

Independence – Catalonia (along with some other regions) would like to become an independent state, separate to the rest of Spain. They think that they are different culturally to the rest of the Spanish people and would like to have complete control over how their region is run and how their tax is spent. This can be compared with Scotland who have recently voted to stay with the rest of the UK, although many Scottish people would prefer to be independent.