

Question	Answer	CD/Mark	Useful strategies
1. Which countries are part of the United Kingdom?	England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland (Do NOT accept Ireland)	2b 1 mark	<i>Question focus: identify information.</i> Strategies: - Carefully read the question, marking key words. - Consider where in the text to look for the answer. - Carefully read the paragraph to find your answer.
2. What does the word 'capital' tell you in the phrase "capital city"? ☐ The name of a country ☐ The city where the parliament is ☐ The biggest city in a country ☐ The place where the queen lives	It is the city where parliament is.	2a 1 mark	<i>Question focus: explain the meaning of words in context.</i> Strategies: - Carefully read the question, marking key words. - Consider where in the text to look for the words. - Scan the text to find the phrase in the question. - Carefully read that part of the text, thinking about what the word might mean in this phrase.
3. Why is London the capital city of the UK?	It's where the UK parliament is. or It's where the shared laws are made.	2b 1 mark	<i>Question focus: identify information.</i> Strategies: - Carefully read the question, marking key words. - Consider where in the text to look for the answer. Use the headings. - Carefully read the paragraph to find your answer.
4. Do you think most of the people who speak Gaelic in Scotland live in big cities? Explain your answer using ideas from this text.	No. It says Gaelic is spoken "away from the big cities". It says "in the mountains and the islands" and those are not in big cities. (Do not award the mark for "No" unless the reason given is based on the text).	2d 1 mark	<i>Question focus: make inferences from the text.</i> Strategies: - Carefully read the question, marking key words. - Consider where in the text to look for information. Use the headings. - Carefully read that part of the text, thinking about the question and looking for information that may be relevant.

Practice text: The United Kingdom

Cracking the questions

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5. Draw lines to match the languages spoken with the country. Welsh and English Gaelic and English Cornish and English Irish and English England Northern Ireland Wales Scotland	Gaelic and English – Scotland Irish and English – Northern Ireland Cornish and English – England Welsh and English – Wales	2b 2 marks	<i>Question focus: identify information.</i> Strategies: • Carefully read the question, marking key words. • Consider where in the text to look for the answer. Use the headings. • Carefully read the paragraph to find your answer. Award 2 marks for all correct. Award 1 mark for two correct.
6. How is the weather in Scotland different from the weather in England, Northern Ireland and Wales?	Scotland is usually a bit colder	2h 1 mark	<i>Question focus: make comparisons within the text.</i> Strategies: • Carefully read the question, marking key words. Note this question begins with 'How' not 'Where'. • Consider where in the text to look for the answer. Use the headings. • Carefully read the paragraph to find your answer.
7. Write a fact from the text about the weather of places in the west of the UK.	They usually have more rain than places in the east of the UK.	2b 1 mark	<i>Question focus: identify information.</i> Strategies: • Carefully read the question, marking key words. • Consider where in the text to look for the answer. Use the headings. • Carefully read the paragraph to find your answer.
8. Write one fact from the text that is the same about most of the UK's islands.	Accept any of: • separated from the mainland by a short distance of sea • people go to the islands for holidays because most islands are peaceful • they have good beaches that people enjoy exploring.	2b 1 mark	<i>Question focus: identify information.</i> Strategies: • Carefully read the question, marking key words. • Consider where in the text to look for the answer. Use the headings. • Carefully read the paragraph to find your answer.
9. Put one tick in each row of the table to show whether the fact is true or false.	All laws are the same in all parts of the UK – F Cardiff is Welsh for Capital City – F Some people in Scotland speak Gaelic – T There are islands off the coasts of the four countries in the UK – T	2c 1 mark	<i>Question focus: summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph.</i> Strategies: • Carefully read the question, marking key words. • Consider where in the text to look for the information about each sentence separately. Use the headings. Don't just use your existing general knowledge. Check in this text. • Carefully read the paragraph to find the information you need. Award 2 marks for all correct. Award 1 mark for two correct.