

# AQA Geography GCSE

## UK's Physical Landscapes Detailed Notes

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## The Aim

This section is difficult to teach, as for the exam you need to know that the UK has a **diverse range** of landforms. To make this relevant to you, we've split the UK into **sections** so you can learn examples **close to home**. You don't need to learn every page of these notes, as one page contains all the examples you need to know!

### What does the UK's landscape look like?

The UK has a varied **relief** - the height of the land above sea level - with some **highlands and mountains**, and some **low-lying plains**. This is due to **geology**. Tough resistant rocks (eg. Granite) erode more slowly than softer resistance rocks (e.g. Clay). Mountainous regions tend to be composed mainly of hard rock, whereas low lying plains tend to be composed of soft rock.



Also, past **glacial activity** has greatly shaped the UK's physical landscape. Many valleys have been created from past glacier erosion and many lakes have formed from the meltwater.

The UK has **32 rivers**, with many major towns and cities located on the river banks. There are also many **coastal towns and cities**, since the coast can be home to many tourist attractions and large industrial plants.



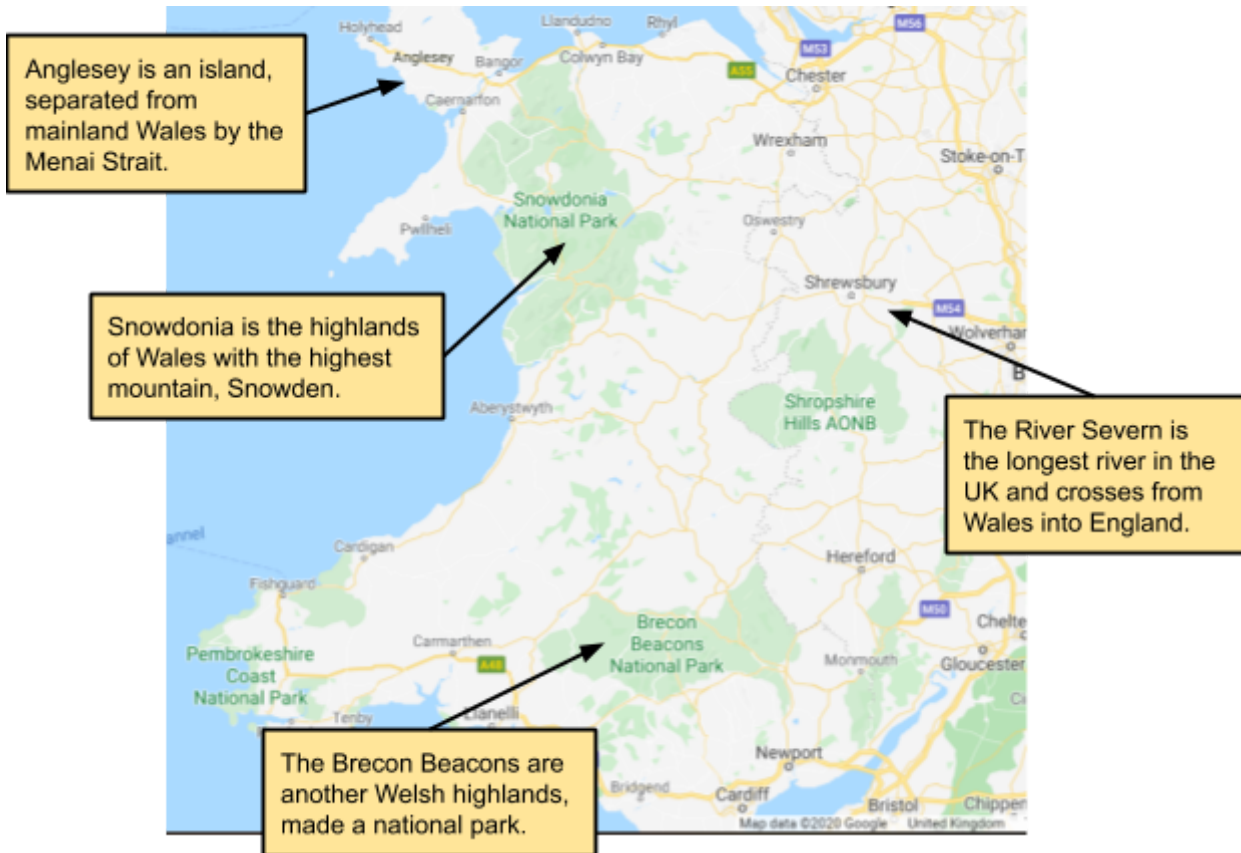
## North England



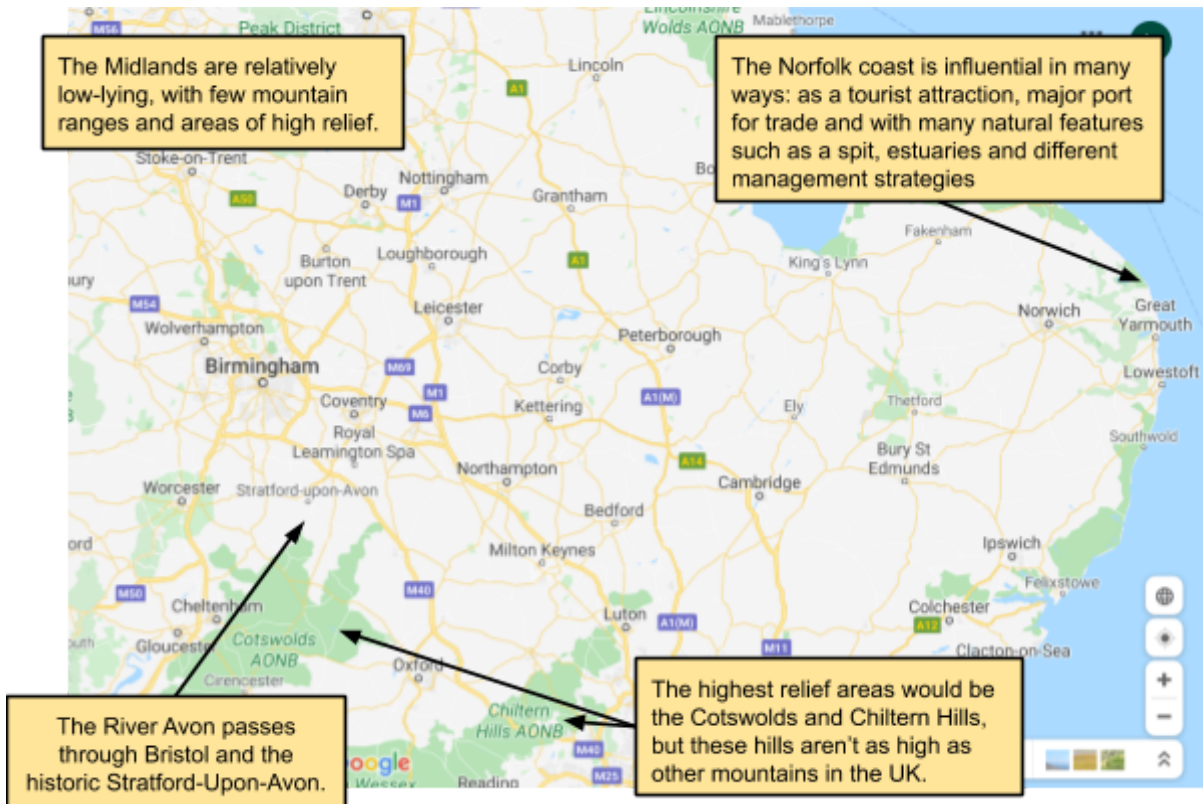
## Scotland



## Wales



## The Midlands

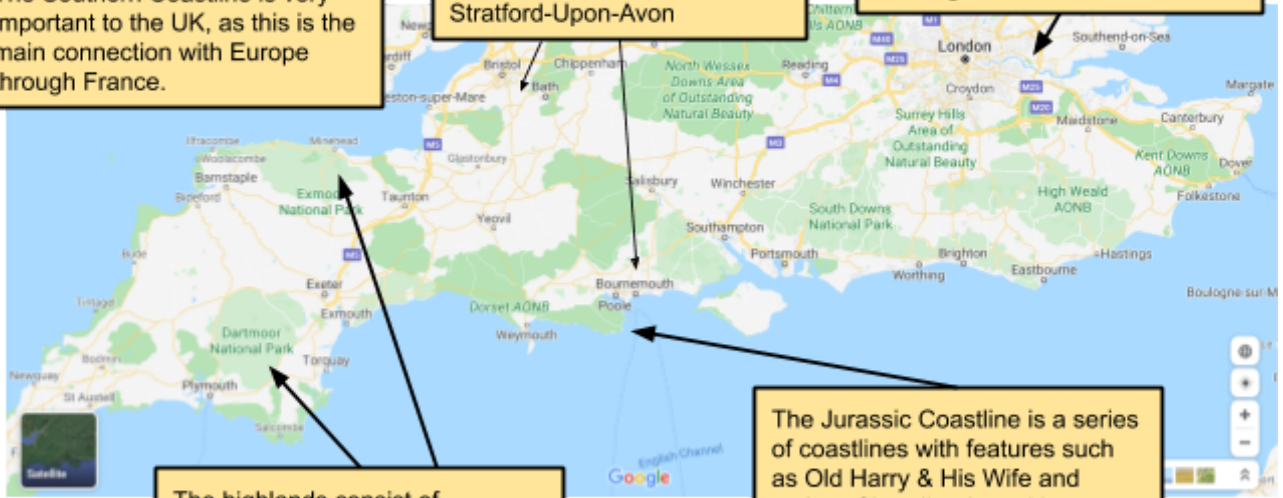


## The South - Including Devon & Cornwall

The Southern Coastline is very important to the UK, as this is the main connection with Europe through France.

There are actually three River Avons, two in this map and the third flowing northwards to Stratford-Upon-Avon

There are a few famous rivers in the South, including the Thames, which has been influential to trade and migration for centuries



The highlands consist of Dartmoor and Exmoor Parks, which contain rolling high hills rather than rocky mountains

The Jurassic Coastline is a series of coastlines with features such as Old Harry & His Wife and series of headlands and bays

