



# Year 4

## Capitals in Europe and the World



### Sticky Knowledge

- A capital city is a city or town that has been chosen as the leading city of a country.
- It is often where the government of a country is based.
- Lots of the country's leaders and officials do their work in the capital city.
- Often, capital cities are the largest city in their country (e.g. London). However, this is not always the case (e.g. Ontario in Canada).



### Key Vocabulary

city	A large town. London is a city.
town	A built up area with a name, defined boundaries and a local government. It is larger than a village and smaller than a city.
capital city	The city where the government sits.
country	An area of land that is controlled by its own government.
population	All the people who live in a country or area.
government	A group of people that has the power to rule a country or state.
trade	The activity of buying, selling, or exchanging goods or services.
United Kingdom	A country consisting of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
Europe	One of the smallest continents. There are over 40 countries with 742 million people.
landmark	A building or feature which is easily recognised.
tourist	A person who is visiting a place for pleasure and interest, especially when they are on holiday.
continent	A very large area of land that consists of many countries. Europe is a continent.

Country	Capital City	Continent		Key information
France	Paris	Europe		Paris is the capital city of France. It is considered one of the most romantic cities in the world. Its most famous landmarks include the Eiffel tower. It is visited by millions of tourists every year.
Russia	Moscow	Europe		Moscow is the capital city of Russia. It is the largest capital city in Europe. The Kremlin is the complex in Moscow where the government is held.
Italy	Rome	Europe		Rome is the capital city of Italy. It was once the centre of a huge ancient empire. Its most famous landmarks include the Colosseum. The Vatican City is within Rome.
USA	Washington DC	North America		Washington DC is the capital city of the USA. The White House and Capitol buildings are here. There are many bigger cities than Washington DC in the USA.
Japan	Tokyo	Asia		Tokyo is the capital city of Japan. It is a futuristic city with lots of high-rise buildings. Tokyo's metropolitan area is the largest in the world- it has over 35 million people!
Egypt	Cairo	Africa		Cairo is the capital city of Egypt. It has a population of nearly 7 million people. It is famous for its location near the remains of Ancient Egypt like the Pyramids of Giza. The River Nile runs through the city.