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WALT understand major transport links between cities and to other countries.

Make a list of all the public transport that you can think of as a way to travel throughout the United Kingdom and to other countries.

The United Kingdom (UK) is an island. We can travel around the country in a car, on a train and even by an airplane.

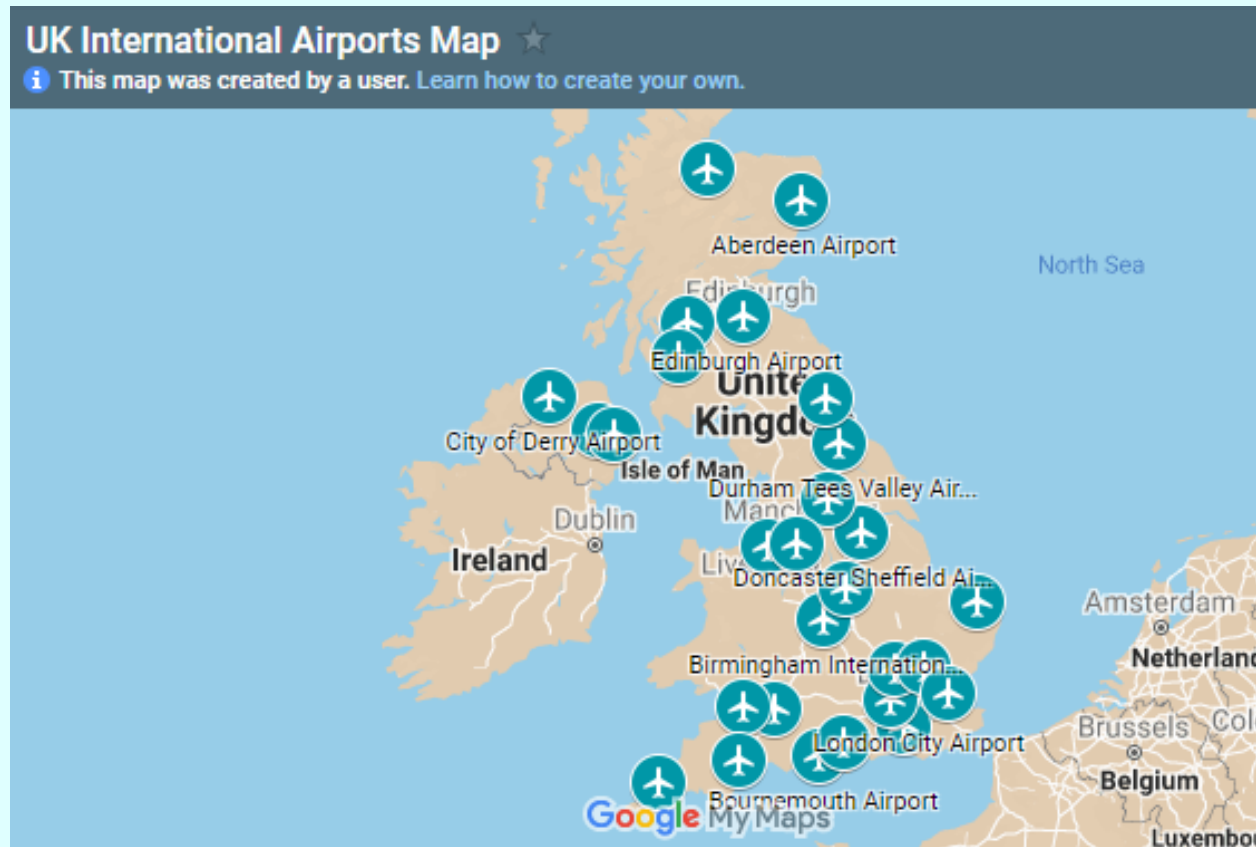
If you want to go to other countries you would need to go by a boat, train or airplane.

To go by an airplane you would need to go to an airport.

To go by a boat you would need to go to a port.

To go by train you would go to a Train station for the Euro star or you can go through the Euro Tunnel.

There are over 40 airports around the UK, some of which top the list of the busiest airports in Europe. The map below shows a list of all major UK domestic and international airports.





You would need to get to the airport and you could do that in your car, by the train or on a coach. You are able to travel all over the world on an airplane.

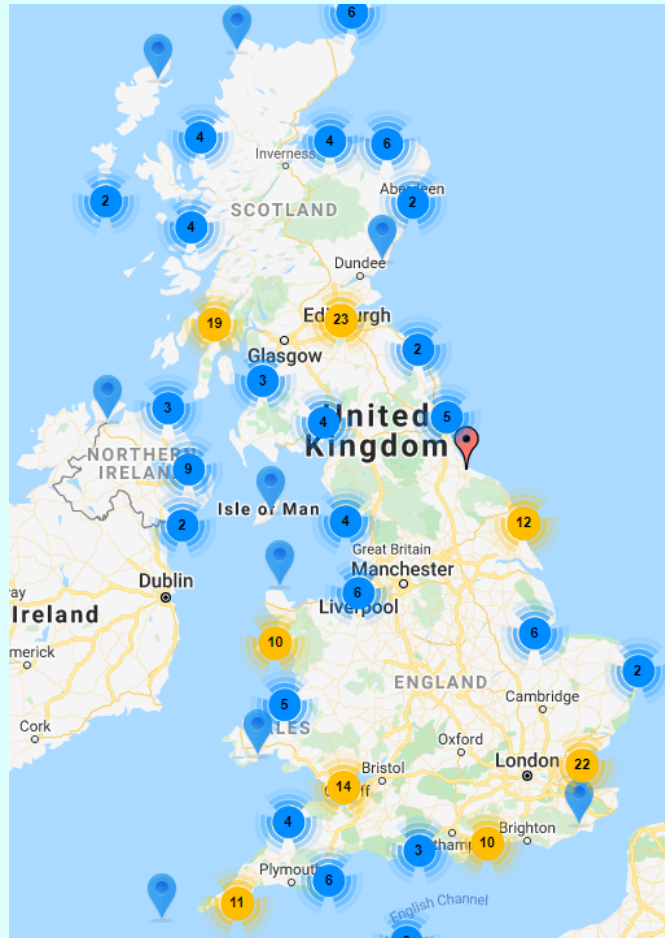
ABOUT THE PORT OF DOVER

The Port of Dover is Europe's busiest ferry port, a vital international gateway for the movement of people and trade.

It is also an award-winning cruise port, the second busiest in the UK and hosts some of the world's most prestigious cruise lines. Other successful businesses include a cargo terminal.



The major ports in the UK



You would need to get to the port and you could do that in your car, by the train or on a coach.

To get to France you could go on a ferry boat from the port of Dover.



You would go in your car or on a coach and actually drive on to the ferry boat. You then park your car and walk around the boat and even sleep on it.



You can also travel to Europe via the Eurostar. You need to go from St Pancras railway station, also known as London St Pancras and officially since 2007 as St Pancras International, is a central London railway terminus on Euston Road in the London Borough of Camden. It is the terminus for Eurostar services from London to Belgium, France and the Netherlands.



Eurostar is an international high-speed rail service connecting the United Kingdom with France, Belgium and the Netherlands. All Eurostar trains travel through the Channel Tunnel which is a tunnel that is under the sea between the United Kingdom and France.



You can also go through the Euro Tunnel. You stay in your car while on a large train, which goes through the tunnel under the sea from the port of Dover..



What is trade?

Buying and selling things is called trade.

Trade is an important way for countries to make money and has been happening across the world for hundreds of years.

Today, goods are carried around the world in container ships from port to port and by aeroplane.



Container ships are used to transport trade goods all around the world.

Export and import

People in the UK can sell things they make when people in other countries want them. This might be because they can't make them themselves or because they are cheaper or better quality.

Sending goods like this to other countries is called export.

There are also things, such as bananas or oranges, that are hard to grow in the UK and we have to buy these things from abroad.

This is called import.

Sometimes countries need experts from abroad such as engineers, scientists or teachers. These experts can sell their services to people around the world and this is called a service industry.

The service industry is the UK's main industry today and we import more goods than we export.



Your task:

Write about a time when you have used one or more of these forms of transports. Where were you going? How long did it take? Who did you go with?

Draw a picture of your experience.

