

Elder Summer Term Knowledge Organiser: Greece and the UK

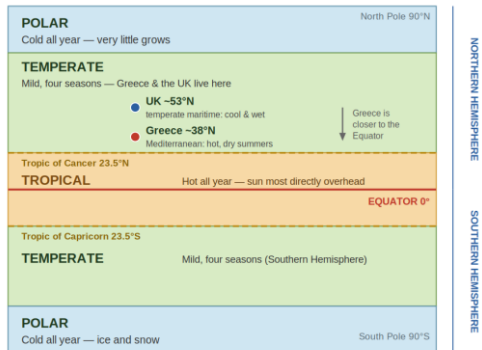
Vocabulary Dozen

One BIG question:

How does where a country sits in the world shape the lives of the people who live there?

Map & Key Knowledge

The Earth: Hemispheres, Tropics & Climate Zones



- Greece and the UK are both in Europe and the Northern Hemisphere: Greece (~38°N, 24°E) in the south-east, the UK (~53°N) in the north-west.
- Greece is a peninsula; the UK is an island nation. Both have around 6,000 islands.
- Greece is closer to the Equator, so it is warmer. Both sit in the temperate zone.
- Greece has a Mediterranean climate (hot, dry summers); the UK has a temperate maritime climate (cool, wet all year).
- Highest mountains: Mt Olympus (Greece) 2,918 m; Ben Nevis (UK) 1,345 m.
- Capitals: Athens and London. Greece ~10 million people; the UK ~67 million.

Peninsula

Land with sea on three sides, joined to a larger landmass on one side. Greece is a peninsula.

Island nation

A country with sea on every side. The UK is an island nation.

Hemisphere

Half of the Earth. The Equator splits it into the Northern and Southern hemispheres.

Equator

The imaginary line around the middle of the Earth, halfway between the poles (0° latitude).

Latitude

How far north or south a place is from the Equator, measured in degrees.

Longitude

How far east or west a place is from the Prime Meridian, measured in degrees.

Prime Meridian

The line at 0° longitude. It runs through Greenwich in London.

The Tropics

The Tropic of Cancer (23.5°N) and Tropic of Capricorn (23.5°S) edge the hottest part of Earth.

Climate zone

A large area of the world with a similar climate: tropical, temperate or polar.

Temperate

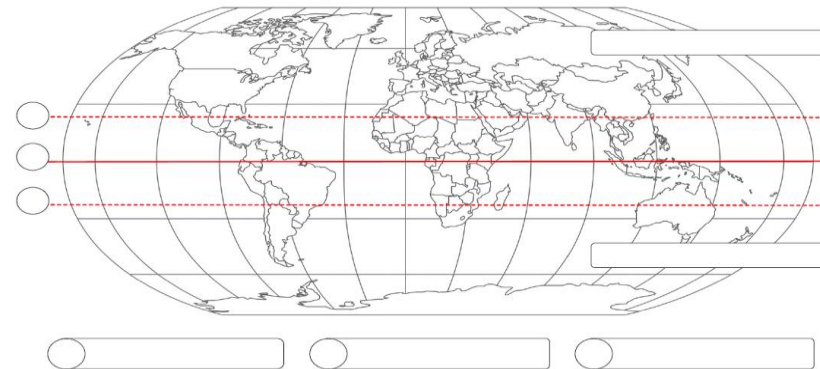
The mild zone between the tropics and the poles. Greece and the UK both sit here.

Mediterranean climate

Greece's climate: hot, dry summers and mild, wetter winters.

Temperate maritime climate

The UK's climate: cool and wet fairly evenly all year round.



Quick Quiz

- Is Greece a peninsula or an island nation? What about the UK?
- Which hemisphere are Greece and the UK both in?
- What are Athens' approximate coordinates?
- What runs through Greenwich at 0° longitude?
- At what latitudes are the Tropic of Cancer and Capricorn?
- Which climate zone are both countries in?
- Name Greece's climate and the UK's climate.
- Why is Greece warmer than the UK?

Our Courageous Advocate: David Attenborough

David Attenborough is a famous naturalist who makes TV shows about animals and the planet. He explores the world and shares what he learns, helping people understand why protecting nature is important.

One Wise Thought:

"Nature is our greatest ally and our greatest inspiration. We need to protect it not just for ourselves, but for all the generations to come."



