



Urban World on the Edge

Why is London so powerful?



Key Vocabulary

City	A town created a city by charter and usually containing a cathedral
Capital City	the city or town that functions as the seat of government and administrative centre of a country or region
Country	An area of land that is controlled by its own government
Community	a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common
Commonwealth	A commonwealth refers to any group of people organized under a single government
Megacity	A very large city, typically one with a population of over ten million people
Financial City	An area where there is a high concentration of financial institutions
Politics	Dealing with the structure or affairs of government
Urban Sprawl	The spreading of urban developments on undeveloped land near a city
Population	All the inhabitants of a particular place

By the end of this unit we will be able to:

- Understanding what defines a 'city'
- Knowing that London is a city of two powers— both financial and political.
- To know what draws people to cities.
- To understand why London is a powerful city.
- To compare London to a megacity.
- To understand the effects of climate change and

Key Vocabulary

Human features	Anything in an area that is not naturally occurring and that has been shaped by people.
Physical features	Anything in an area that is naturally occurring.
Digital mapping	A map that uses technology such as a satnav.
Grid references	The numbered squares on a map used to locate a place.
Ordnance Survey Maps	Detailed maps of Great Britain where each square represents 1km squared (1km ²).
Coordinates	A set of numbers and/or letters that show you a specific position on a map.
Latitude	Latitude lines run around the earth east to west. These lines are the same distance apart from each other
Longitude	Longitude lines run over the top of the earth north to south. These lines are not equally distant from each other.
Hemisphere	A half of the earth, usually divided by the equator into the northern and southern hemisphere.
Climate change	A change in global or regional climate patterns

How will climate change impact cities by 2050?

