

# Year 4

## Spain and Catalonia



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**Skills covered this half term:**

- Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries, states and geographically significant land features.
- To use a map scale to understand the significance of the size of Britain compared to the size of the Spain and Catalonia.
- To locate autonomous communities of Spain.

<b>Key Vocabulary</b>	
Culture	The traditions and beliefs that a group of people practice in their daily lives.
Capital city	A capital city (or capital town or just capital) is a city or town, specified by law or constitution, by the government of a country, or part of a country, such as a state, province or county. It usually serves as the location of the government's central meeting place and offices.
Climate	The long-term pattern of weather in a particular area.
Autonomous communities	Spain is split into regions called 'autonomous communities' which means each region has the autonomy to decide how it is governed.
Tourism	Travel for pleasure or business; the practice of touring, the business of attracting, accommodating, and entertaining tourists,

The UK and Spain are both countries in the continent of Europe.  
The capital city of Spain is Madrid  
The UK is the 11th largest country by area in Europe.  
The UK is an island, the capital city is London.

There are 44 countries in Europe.  
The UK is split into regions. Spain is also split into regions but they are called 'autonomous communities' – there are 17 of these.

Spain borders Portugal, France and Andorra. It also borders the British Overseas Territory of Gibraltar.



Tourism keeps many of Spain's traditions alive. Money that tourists spend help local businesses. Facilities are maintained for visitors, which benefits the locals too. Some people think that foreign themed bars are contributing to Spain's culture being lost.

Catalonia is a region in Spain, it has two main languages and is home to approx. 7.5 million people. Catalonia is on the east coast of Spain. Catalonia has its own capital city, flag and government. Some Catalans want independence from the rest of Spain.

The Pyrenees is a 491km long mountain range that forms a natural border between Spain and France.

