

20,000 years ago



The terrain that became the British Isles was linked to mainland Europe by Doggerland. This now-submerged territory is where early Mesolithic people lived, settled and travelled.

8,000 years ago



The Quaternary Period ended around 8000 years ago where the Central Irish Sea was de-glaciated and the English Channel flooded. Sea levels began to rise to form their current levels.

Current Time



There are about 136 permanently inhabited islands that make up the modern day British Isles. The largest two of these being Great Britain and Ireland. There are also a several inhabited ones.

Vocabulary	Definition
Archipelago	An extensive group of islands.
British Isles	The British Isles are a group of islands in the North Atlantic Ocean off the north-western coast of continental Europe.
Clashing Continents	Continental collision occurs when two plates carrying continents collide.
Continental Crust	The relatively thick part of the earth's crust which forms the large land masses. It is generally older and more complex than the oceanic crust.
Continental Shelf	The area of seabed around a large land mass where the sea is relatively shallow compared with the open ocean.
Earthquake	A shaking or other movement of part of the earth's surface. It is caused by movement deep within the earth. Earthquakes can cause the ground to split.
Glacial Retreat	Large masses of ice that flow slowly downhill.
Island	An area of land smaller than a continent and surrounded by water on all sides.
Oceanic Crust	The relatively thin part of the earth's crust which underlies the ocean basins.
Sediment Deposition	Deposition is the laying down of sediment carried by wind, flowing water, the sea or ice.
Volcano	An opening in the earth's crust through which melted rock, ash, and gases are forced out.



Island Life

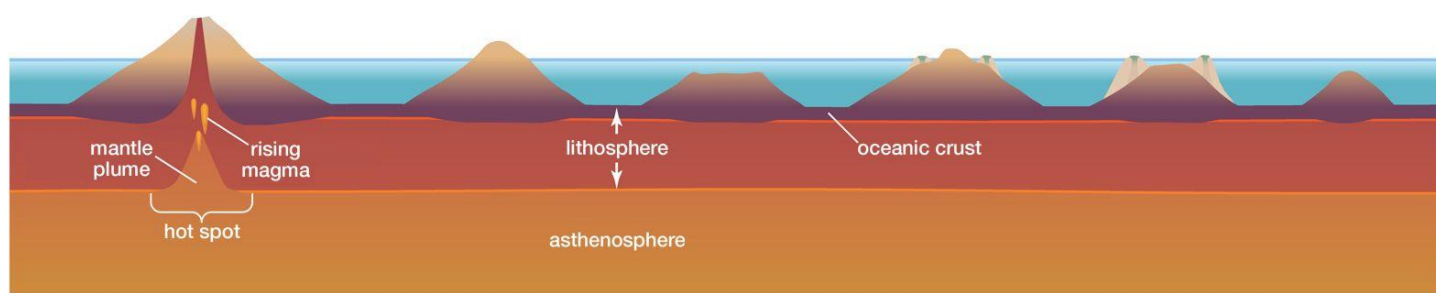
The oldest theme park in the United Kingdom is Blackgang Chine in the Isle of Wight. It was established in the 1840's.



The biggest island land mass in the world is Greenland. The smallest inhabited island in the world is Hub Island, located in the Thousand Islands chain in New York, USA. It used to be Bishop Rock in the UK, which housed a manned lighthouse. It is now automated



The Philippines is one country that is made up of and archipelago of over 7000 islands.



Java in Indonesia is the world's most populated island, with over 130 million people living there.

