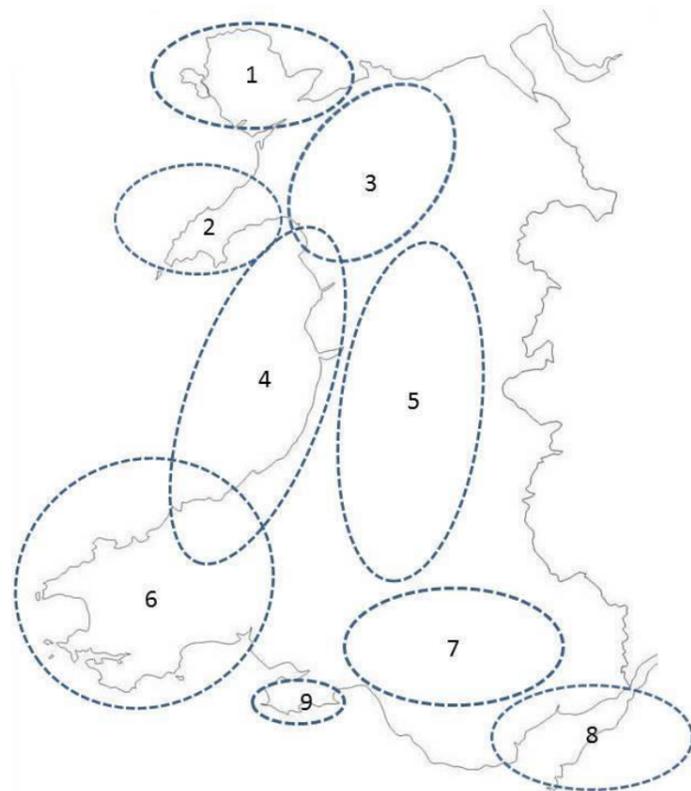


Understanding Election Issues in Wales - Activity Sheet



1. Using the online resources and an Atlas to help you name locations 1-9 in a table or on a blank map.

2. Try to find and name the additional 4 peninsulas and 1 inlet.

3. Draw and complete a table like the one below

to show the height of the highest mountain in each of the home nation countries.

Location	Name	Height (metres)
Scotland	Ben Nevis	Find This Out
Wales	Snowdon	Find This Out
England	Scafell Pike	Find This Out
Northern Ireland	Slieve Donard	Find This Out

4. Draw and complete a table like the one below to show the length of the longest rivers in each of the home nation countries.

Location	Name	Length (km)
U.K. (through England & Wales)	River Severn	Find This Out
England	River Thames	Find This Out
Wales	River Tywi	Find This Out
Scotland	River Tay	Find This Out
Northern Ireland	River Bann	Find This Out

5. Scan the information below and present it as a mind map or a bullet point list.

The physical geography affects your life or more importantly your quality of life. Most people have the 'Chocolate Box' idea about life, meaning that beautiful picture of mountains or sea that we might see on a box of chocolates or other sweets, especially the ones on sale to tourists. But life is not like this, mountains, rivers, coastal inlets, islands and the ends of remote peninsulas like the LLŷn Peninsula, Gower Peninsula or most of Pembrokeshire all make it much

further and more expensive to travel or provide services like health care, social care, refuse (rubbish) collection/disposal and education. Wales is just about made up of all of these; even the main road into South Wales where most of the people live crosses the Bristol Channel/Severn Estuary by two bridges and every car, van or lorry bringing people, goods or taking things in and out of Wales for every factory, farm or dairy in the southern third of our country has to pay a heavy toll (price) just to cross that bridge.

On average it is much more expensive to live in Wales than to live in England!

6. Complete the population table below using addition.

Location	Population
England	53,012,456
Scotland	5,295,000
Wales	3,063,456
Northern Ireland	1,810,863
Total Population	Work This Out

7. Round and write down the populations of Scotland and Wales to the nearest whole million.

- Wales
- Scotland

Round numbers up or down before you start; rounding numbers makes them easier to work with. Normally if a fraction of a number is smaller than 0.5 then we round down (9.45 would be rounded down to 9) if a number is 0.5 or larger then we round up (so 9.5 would be rounded up to 10). The same is true with big numbers like these in the millions but we use 500,000 as the point where we round up or down.

- England would round down to 53,000,000 (53 million).
- Northern Ireland would round up to 2,000,000 (2 million).

8. Another way that we can **represent** numbers is to draw a graph such as a bar graph. Complete the table below using addition and then use the information to draw a bar graph. Round the numbers up or down to a whole thousand.

Colour code:

- Red for England
- Blue for Scotland
- Green for Wales
- Yellow for Northern Ireland
- Grey for the total

Location	Area
England	130,427 km ²
Scotland	78,772 km ²
Wales	20,778 km ²
Northern Ireland	13,843 km ²
Total Area	Work This Out

9. **Close read** the quotation below by Joel Barnett about the Barnett formula (how the money we get in Wales is worked out) that he invented; why do you think that this important in Wales?

"It is unfair and should be stopped, it is a mistake. This way is terrible and can never be sustainable; it is a national embarrassment and personally embarrassing to me as well."

Decision Making Exercise

Firstly try to read and finish all three articles and the activity sheet.

The Welsh Government has asked you to produce a geography guide for voters in Wales to understand the big battles in this year's general election.

A. Fair Funding

Decide (give reasons why you chose your option and did not choose the others) and advise whether the U.K. government in London should give money for Wales as one of the following:

- More** money to Wales (same as Scotland) so that the people of Wales have the same amount of money each that they would get as if Wales were a part of England.
- Less** money to Wales so that it is the same per person as in England where needs are much lower.
- Things should stay the **same**.

B. EU Referendum

Decide (give reasons why you chose your option and did not choose the others) and:

- Advise on likely impacts in Wales if the U.K. should **leave** the European Union.
- Advise on likely impacts in Wales if the U.K. should **stay** in the European Union.

C. Parliamentary Reform

Decide (give reasons why you chose your option and did not choose the others) and:

- Advise on the likely impacts in Wales if the U.K. Parliament should have just **English Votes for English Matters**.
- Advise on the likely impacts in Wales if the number U.K. Parliament MP's should **drop** from 40 out of 650 to just 18 out of 650.