

# Earning a Living

Learning Objective:

To explore industries of the UK.



Do you know what  
a business is?

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A business is an organisation that makes goods to sell or that offers some sort of service to people. There are countless types of business in the world but all have the aim of making money.



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The UK is one of the world's biggest trading nations. A large part of the money the UK makes from exporting goods is from machinery and transport, as well as natural resources such as oil. BP (British Petroleum) is the UK's biggest industrial company and has nearly 90,000 employees in Britain and around the world.



Did you know that 8 out of 10 cars built in the UK are exported to other countries?



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Here are some of the main industries in the UK today: banking and finance, steel manufacturing, coal and gas, transport and tourism.



Transport



Steel manufacturing



Coal and gas



Banking and finance



Tourism

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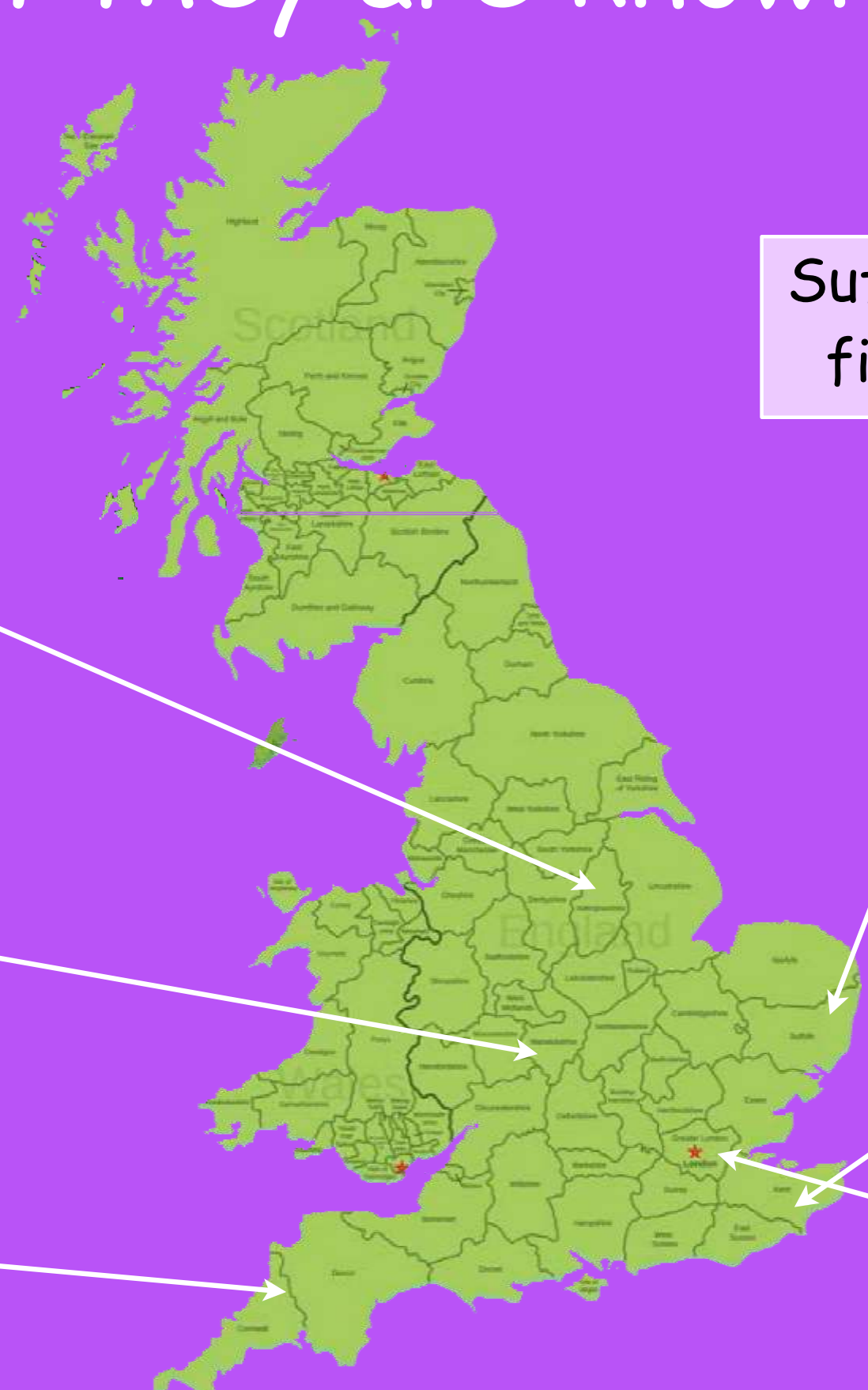
# Different areas of the country also have industries that they are known for.

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Nottingham is known for producing lace that it sells around the country and abroad.

Coventry has a large car industry.

Devon and Cornwall produce a lot of Cheddar cheese.



Suffolk has a large fishing industry.

Kent is known as the 'Garden of England' and is known for its apples and hops.

The banking industry of Britain is focused in London.

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What kind of area  
do we live in?

What is the main industry in our  
area?

Write your answers in the Homework  
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