



**Prior knowledge**

- Spain is located in the south-western part of the continent of Europe.
- Spain has borders with Portugal, France and Andorra.
- Spain is surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean to the west, the Bay of Biscay to the north, the Mediterranean Sea to the south and the Balearic Sea to the west.
- Use an atlas to locate Spain in relation to the rest of the world.
- Spain is a popular tourist destination.

**Physical geography**

- Spain has nearly 5000km of coastline.
- The two main rivers in Spain are the Tagus and the Ebro.
- The Pyrenees Mountains run along



**Human geography**

- The population of this country is approx. 46.5 million.
- The population of Catalonia is approximately 7.5 million.
- Catalonia has two main official languages - Spanish and Catalan.
- Some Catalans would like independence from the rest of

Key vocabulary	
atlas	A book of maps
border	A border is a real or artificial line that separates geographic areas.
capital city	The capital city, often called the capital, is the one from where the government of a country functions.
climate	Climate is a pattern of weather that occurs over a long time such as years and centuries. For example, the climate in an area could be dry in that it rarely rains there.
coastline	A line that forms the boundary between the land and the ocean or a lake.
Europe	One of the continents of the world.
globe	A globe is a picture of a planet drawn on a sphere.
human geography	Human geography focuses on where people live, what they do, and how they use the land.
independence	The quality or state of not being under the control of, reliant on, or connected with someone or something else.
map	A map is a drawing of all or part of Earth's surface.
mountain	A landform that rises high above its surroundings.
physical geography	Physical geographers observe, measure, and describe Earth's surface.
population	The whole number of people living in a country, city, or area.
regions	A region is a large area of land that is different from other areas of land.
river	A large natural stream of water that flows over land.
tourism	The commercial organisation of holidays and visits to places of interest.
tourist	A person travelling or visiting a place for pleasure.
weather	The daily state of the atmosphere, or air, in any given place.