



### What should I already know?

- The town I live in is called St. Helens, which is in Merseyside. There are villages, towns and cities in Merseyside, some of which are **coastal**. Liverpool is a city in Merseyside. It is close to St Helens.
- Merseyside is a county in England, which is a country. England is part of Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) and the United Kingdom (U.K.) is made up of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is in the **continent** of Europe.
- The seven **continents** (including North and South America) and five oceans.
- Features of regions that lie on and between the **tropics**.



### What will I know by the end of the unit?

The United States is in the **continent** of North America. It is bounded to the north by Canada to the west by the Pacific Ocean, to the south by Mexico, and to the east by the Atlantic Ocean. It is in the Northern Hemisphere. 50 States make up the country. Some are well populated, others are more rural.

The **Missouri** river is the longest river in North America whilst **Denali mountain** (Alaska) is its highest peak.

New York state is on the east coast, its major metropolis is New York city which is also known as the Big Apple.

There are two major rivers in New York City: the Hudson and the East River.

### Vocabulary

architecture	planning, designing, and constructing buildings.
climate	the general weather conditions that are typical of a place
coastal	an area of land close to the sea
compass points	any of the main points of a compass: north, south, east, west, north-east, north-west, south-east, south-west
continent	a very large area of land that consists of many <b>countries</b> . Europe is a <b>continent</b> , so is <b>North America</b>
county	an area of a country, for example Merseyside is a county in England and Yorkshire is the largest English county
elevation	The <b>elevation</b> of a place is its height above sea level
Equator	an imaginary line around the middle of the Earth at an equal distance from the North Pole and the South Pole.
export	goods that are sold to other countries
human features	features of land that have been impacted by human activity such as buildings, roads and ports
inhabitant	a person (or animal) that lives in or occupies a place
latitude	an imaginary line that shows how far north or south you are in the world (the lines run parallel to the Equator)
longitude	an imaginary line that shows how far east of west you are in the world (0° longitude runs through Greenwich, London)
metropolis	largest, busiest, and most important city in a country or region
migration	movement from one place to another in order to settle there
peninsula	a piece of land almost surrounded by water
physical features	natural features of land that were there before people (rocks, streams, rivers, mountains and seas are all examples)
populated	inhabited or lived in
precipitation	rain, snow, or hail
rural	to do with the countryside rather than the town
state	a large area of land that has a local government, there are 50 US states and the largest is California
temperate	a place which is never extremely hot or extremely cold
tourist	a person who is visiting a place for pleasure and interest, especially when they are on holiday.
trade	the activity of buying, selling or exchanging goods and services
tropics	parts of the world that lie between two lines of latitude, the Tropic of Cancer, 23½° north of the equator, and the Tropic of Capricorn, 23½° south of the equator. The <b>tropics</b> have a humid climate, where the weather is hot and damp.
weather	the condition of the atmosphere in one area at a particular time

	city of Liverpool	city of New York
Physical features	Liverpool is built on the River Mersey which flows into the Irish Sea. 	New York city is built on the Hudson and East rivers. 
Human features	The Royal Liver Building is built on the river and is known for the two birds that stand on top.  There is a large dock for cruise ships and container ships (trade between countries).	The Statue of Liberty was a gift from France and is situated in New York harbour.  There is a large dock for cruise ships and container ships (trade between countries).

### More North America facts!

There are 23 countries in North America, with **Canada** being the biggest and **Grenada** being the smallest.

**Mexico City** is the largest **metropolis** in North America with more than 9 million inhabitants.

**Greenland** is the world's largest island.

