

## Year 7 Geography Knowledge Organizer: Is the UK too London-centric?

### Big Ideas

- London is the capital city and has significant influence.
- London dominates economically, politically, and culturally.
- Some regions feel neglected or underfunded.
- There are debates about spreading power and investment more evenly.



### What does London-centric mean?

- Most important decisions are made in London.
- London receives high levels of investment.
- London has strong economic and political influence.



### Why does London's location matter?

- London is close to Europe.
- It has excellent transport links and airports.
- It has a large workforce and population.

### Population and Migration

- London is the UK's largest city.
- Many people move there for jobs and education.
- The South-East is densely populated.

Key Word	Definition
London-centric	Focused mainly on London.
Inequality	Uneven distribution of wealth or opportunities.
Economy	The system of jobs, businesses, and money in a country.
Government	The group of people who run a country.
Investment	Money spent to improve an area or business.
Regional disparity	Differences between regions.
Devolution	Transfer of powers from central government to regions.
Connectivity	How well places are linked together.

### The Economy

- London is a global financial centre.
- Many company headquarters are based there.
- London generates a large amount of UK wealth.



### Government and Power

- Parliament is based in Westminster, London.
- Most government departments are located in London.
- Devolution gives some powers to Scotland, Wales, and city mayors.



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### Transport and Connectivity

- London has extensive rail and underground systems.
- It has major international airports such as Heathrow.
- Some other regions have fewer transport links and less investment.



### Exam Practice Questions

1. Explain why London is important to the UK economy.
2. Give one advantage and one disadvantage of the UK being London-centric.
3. Describe one way the government could reduce regional inequality.
4. Explain why some people believe the UK invests too much in London



### Impacts of Being London-centric

- London creates jobs and attracts tourism.
- Regional inequality can increase.
- Living costs and house prices in London are very high.

### Possible Solutions

- Invest more in northern cities.
- Improve transport outside London.
- Encourage businesses to move to other regions.

### Case Study: Northern Powerhouse

- Aims to improve economic growth in northern England.
- Focuses on transport, jobs, and investment.
- Includes cities such as Manchester, Liverpool, and Leeds.

