

## Spain Knowledge Organiser



### Overview of Spain

\*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.

### 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 the border of Spain and France.



### 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 Spain.

### 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 <b>one from where the government of a country functions</b> .
climate	Climate is a <b>pattern of weather that occurs over a long time such as years and centuries</b> . For example, the climate in an area could be <b>dry</b> 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 <b>picture of a planet drawn on a sphere</b> .
human geography	Human geography focuses on where people live, what they do, and how they use the land.
independence	The <b>quality or state of not being under the control</b> of, reliant on, or connected with someone or something else
map	A <b>map</b> is a drawing of all or part of Earth's surface.
mountain	A <b>landform that rises high above its surroundings</b> .
physical geography	Physical geographers observe, measure, and describe Earth's surface.
population	<b>The whole number of people living in a country, city, or area</b> .
regions	A region is a <b>large area of land that is different from other areas of land</b>
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.