

# Physical landscapes in the UK

## THE EXAM!

- This section is tested in Paper 1 Section C.
- You must know UK physical landscapes and **two** of coastal landscapes in the UK, river landscapes in the UK and glacial landscapes in the UK.

## DO IT!

Study Figure 1.

- 1 Describe the pattern of upland areas in the UK.
- 2 Describe the pattern of lowland areas in the UK.

## NAIL IT!

Make sure you can explain how different rock types have determined the UK's landscape.

## UK physical landscapes

**Relief** describes the physical shape of the land, including height above sea level, steepness of slopes and shape and orientation of landscape features.

The relief of the land is determined by its geology. Harder more resistant rocks, such as granite, will form mountain ranges, whereas softer more easily eroded rocks, such as clay, will form more low-lying landscapes.



## SNAP IT!

Find a relief map of the UK, draw it and take a picture of it. Use it to help you remember the UK's:

- areas of uplands and lowlands
- extensive river system.



Figure 1 Physical map of the UK

## CHECK IT!

- 1 Give a correct definition of the term 'relief'.
- 2 Describe the course of the River Thames from source to mouth.
- 3 Explain how different rock types affect the landscape.