

# UK Rainfall

The map below shows the annual average rainfall for the United Kingdom.

1. Shade the map to show the average annual rainfall for the UK. Rainfall amounts are normally shown in different shades of blue. Use a darker blue for areas with the highest rainfall. Remember to complete the key.

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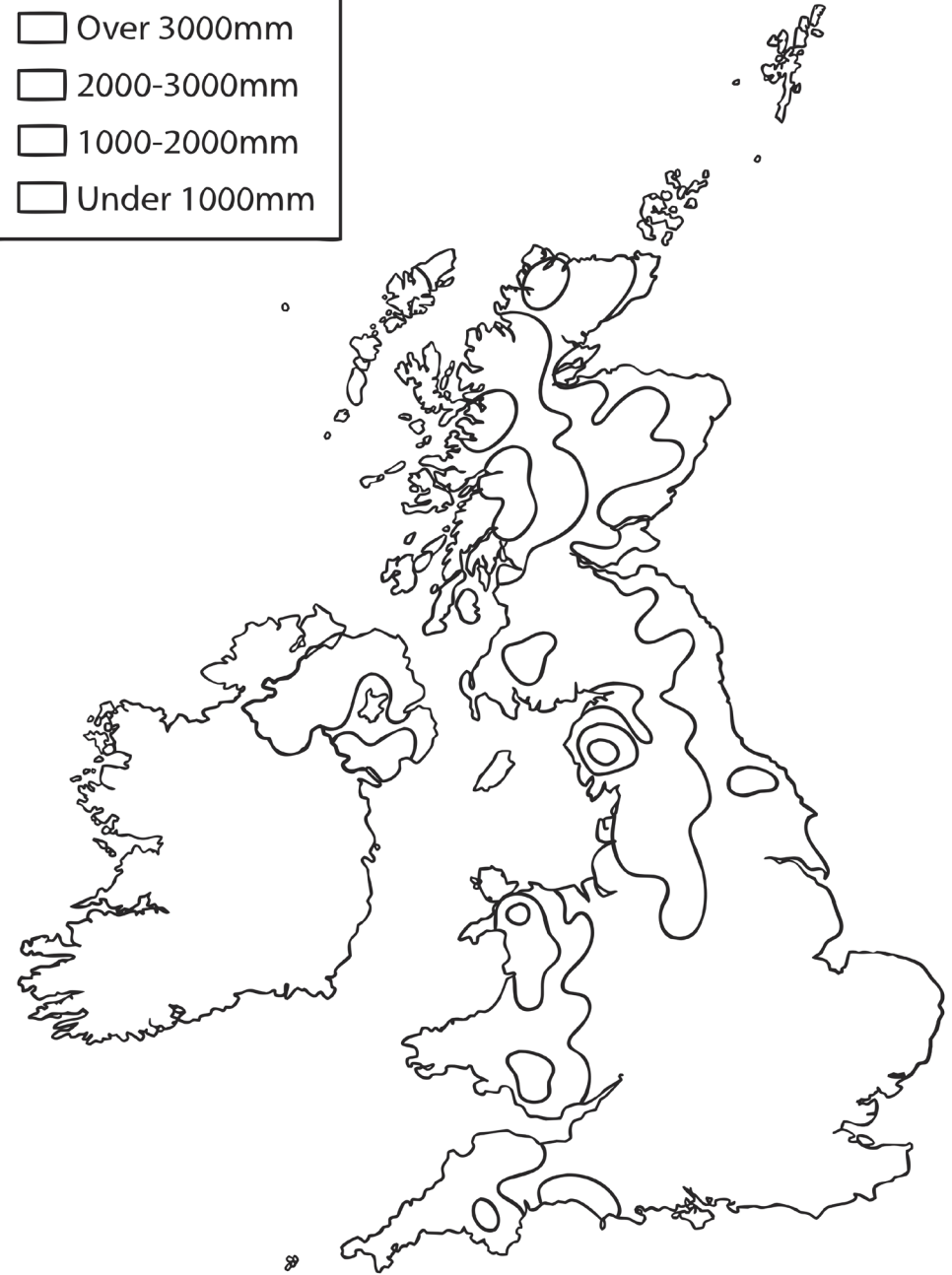
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# UK Rainfall Activity Sheet **Answers**

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**The highest amount of rainfall occurs on the west coast of the UK in parts of Wales and Scotland. The lowest amount of rainfall occurs in the South East of the UK.**

3. Using an atlas, identify three areas that have over 3000m of rainfall each year on average.

**Areas should include Snowdonia, the Lake District and the Scottish Highlands.**

4. Suggest a reason why these parts of the UK have the highest amount of rainfall? The relief map of the UK should help you.

**These are areas of high ground. The prevailing wind brings warm, moist air from the Atlantic Ocean, which forms relief rainfall. Also frontal rainfall is common on the west coast of the UK as frontal systems develop over the Atlantic Ocean.**

5. What is the average annual rainfall for where you live?

6. Describe which parts of the UK have the least rain.

**The South East of the UK has the least rain. Less than 1000mm each year.**

7. Can you suggest a reason why these parts of the UK have the least rain?  
**These areas are in the rain shadow. This means that relief rainfall has fallen over high ground on the west coast of the UK so the south east remains drier.**

