

Geography

Vocabulary progression

Standard

Overview - Vocabulary progression

Locational knowledge					
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
place continent country Europe England Scotland Wales Northern Ireland United Kingdom (UK) Asia China Shanghai	Africa North America South America Antarctica Oceania Equator North Pole South Pole Kenya Atlantic Ocean Indian Ocean Southern Ocean Pacific Ocean Arctic Ocean London Edinburgh Cardiff Belfast Ben Nevis Lake Windermere Mount Snowdon capital city Weymouth Jurassic Coast Pembrokeshire Orkney Islands Giant's Causeway Flamborough Head North Sea English Channel The Irish Sea	Italy climate zones polar temperate arid tropical mediterranean mountains Earth Mount Kilamanjaro The Andes The Himalyas The Rockies The Alps Mount Etna Lines of latitude Lines of longitude Tropic of Capricorn Tropic of Cancer Northern Hemisphere Southern Hemisphere Arctic Circle Antarctic Circle South Georgia Mount Erebus New Delhi settlement county region local country border	biomes savannah tropical rainforest temperate deciduous forest boreal forest desert tundra Amazon rainforest Brazil Manaus Côte d'Ivoire West Africa River Severn River Thames River Trent River Great Ouse River Wye River Mississippi River Amazon River Nile River Danube River Yangtze River Murray	The Alps France Monaco Switzerland Liechtenstein Austria Germany Slovenia Great Barrier Reef Australia Japan South Korea USA Thailand India Mojave Desert Death Valley Gobi Desert Oleshky Sands Sahara Desert Chihuahuan Desert Patagonian Desert Antarctic Polar Desert Great Victoria Desert Nevada Utah Arizona Atacama Desert Prime/Greenwich Meridian	Singapore Hong Kong Bangladesh Greenland Iceland Canada Oman Bulgaria Port of Blyth Midland, Texas Glasgow Liverpool Bristol Newcastle Southampton Plymouth Leeds

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Human and physical geography						
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Human	village town city port harbour skyscraper metro transport	urban rural aquarium tourist	geothermal energy man-made rock treaty linear nucleated dispersed recreational land agricultural land residential land commercial land place of worship monument memorial facilities	indigenous peoples deforestation community logging mining food miles import export distribution produce waste consume fertilisers pesticides greengrocer butcher pollution trade product cooperative responsible trade seasonal food air freight grant packaging bakery food bank allotment irrigation leisure supply	population coral bleaching microplastics acidification overfishing Marine Protected Area single-use plastic re-purpose plastic pollution disposable policy biodegradable airstrip national park nature reserve tourist attraction military ranching agriculture desertification flash flood	densely populated sparsely populated population density population distribution birth rate death rate natural increase migration refugee push factors pull factors voluntary involuntary air pollution noise pollution energy source hydropower wind power solar power nuclear power biofuel non-renewable dam replenished consumption producer headquarters offshore onshore

Physical	land	pack ice	inner core	vegetation belts	mountain range	land mass
	lake	ice sheet	outer core	forest floor	temperate deciduous forest	coal
	river	arid	mantle	understorey layer	coniferous trees	natural gas
	ocean	savannah	crust	canopy layer	deciduous trees	crude oil
	sea	vegetation	tectonic plates	emergent layer	ocean current	emissions
	weather	grasslands	plate boundary	drought	buffer	ocean tide
	season	rainforest	volcano	buttress roots	coral reef	regenerate
	climate	polar	shield	lianas	marine	fossil fuel
	desert	mild	composite	condensation	erosion	
		temperate	active	evaporation	decompose	
		habitat	dormant	groundwater	rainfall	
		arch	extinct	percolation	barren	
		bay	mountain	precipitation	sparse	
		coast	fault block	transpiration	mesa	
		mudflat	fold	water cycle	mushroom rock	
		pier	volcanic	delta	natural arch	
		cliff	magma	estuary	salt flat	
		coastline	magma chamber	floodplain		
		island	vent	meander		
		sand dunes	pyroclastic flow	oxbow		
		stack	fertile soil	lake		
			minerals	river		
			volcanic springs	mouth		
			earthquake	source		
			tsunami	tributary		
			fault line	valley		
			epicentre	waterfall		
			seismic wave	flooding		
			focus			
			rock			
			natural			
			igneous			
			sedimentary			
			metamorphic			
			ice shelf			
			drifting ice			
			iceberg			
			wilderness			

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Geographical skills and fieldwork						
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Geographical	aerial view aerial photograph distance location locate near far left right north east south west features direction physical feature human feature similar different	landmark	negative/positive effects climate change adaptation tourism explorer cross-section similarity/difference land use	benefit/advantage drawback/disadvantage process approximate greenhouse gas sustainability carbon footprint global warming renewable energy	natural disaster threat species dependent geology ecology ecosystem atmosphere human footprint environment comparison	impact landscape urban planner
Mapping	map globe atlas symbol key	sketch map scale OS map	index hemisphere scale bar mapping tilt four-figure grid reference plot eight points of the compass route	represent grid square	land height sea level thematic map aerial map digital map time zone	six-figure grid references contour lines
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Fieldwork	—	sample tally chart pictogram bar chart data collection	expedition magnetic/magnetic field research intention destination evaluate compare improvement	investigate interview method risk enquiry data analyse present quantitative/qualitative data summarise interpret quote source sample size reliability limitations open-ended/closed questions Likert scale	fieldwork evidence	digital technologies conclusion cartogram Geographic Information System (GIS) pie chart line graph live data consideration annotate justify issue viewpoint data collection methods subjective audience recommendation
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