

Geography

Vocabulary progression

Overview - Vocabulary progression

Locational knowledge

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

	Giant's Causeway Flamborough Head North Sea English Channel The Irish Sea	settlement county region local country border		Arizona Atacama Desert Prime/Greenwich Meridian	
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Human and physical geography

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<p>Human</p>	<p>village town city port harbour skyscraper metro transport</p>	<p>urban rural aquarium tourist</p>	<p>geothermal energy man-made rock treaty linear nucleated dispersed recreational land agricultural land residential land commercial land place of worship monument memorial facilities</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>
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Physical

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

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<p>Geographical</p>	<p>aerial view aerial photograph distance location locate near far left right north east south west features direction physical feature human feature similar different</p>	<p>landmark</p>	<p>negative/positive effects climate change adaptation tourism explorer cross-section similarity/difference land use</p>	<p>benefit/advantage drawback/disadvantage process approximate greenhouse gas sustainability carbon footprint global warming renewable energy</p>	<p>natural disaster threat species dependent geology ecology ecosystem atmosphere human footprint environment comparison</p>	<p>impact landscape urban planner</p>
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<p>Mapping</p>	<p>map globe atlas symbol key</p>	<p>sketch map scale OS map</p>	<p>index hemisphere scale bar mapping tilt four-figure grid reference plot eight points of the compass route</p>	<p>represent grid square</p>	<p>land height sea level thematic map aerial map digital map time zone</p>	<p>six-figure grid references contour lines</p>
<p>Fieldwork</p>	<p>survey questionnaire compass rain gauge thermometer temperature weather vane</p>	<p>—</p>	<p>—</p>	<p>—</p>	<p>—</p>	<p>—</p>

<p>Fieldwork</p>	<p>—</p>	<p>sample tally chart pictogram bar chart data collection</p>	<p>expedition magnetic/magnetic field research intention destination evaluate compare improvement</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>fieldwork evidence</p>	<p>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</p>
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