

Geography

Vocabulary progression

Standard

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Overview - Vocabulary progression

Locational knowledge					
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
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 Himalayas	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 Mount Snowdon	Northern Hemisphere Southern Hemisphere	River Amazon River Nile	Sahara Desert Chihuahuan Desert	
Year 1	Year 2 capital city Weymouth	Year 3 Arctic Circle Antarctic Circle	Year 4 River Danube River Yangtze	Year 5 Patagonian Desert Antarctic Polar Desert	Year 6
	Jurassic Coast Pembrokeshire Orkney Islands Giant's Causeway Flamborough Head North Sea English Channel The Irish Sea	South Georgia Mount Erebus New Delhi settlement county region local country border	River Murray	Great Victoria Desert Nevada Utah Arizona Atacama Desert Prime/Greenwich Meridian	

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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	indigenous peoples deforestation community logging mining food miles import export distribution	population coral bleaching microplastics acidification overfishing Marine Protected Area single-use plastic re-purpose plastic pollution	densely populated sparsely populated population density population distribution birth rate death rate natural increase migration refugee

			commercial land place of worship	produce waste	disposable policy	push factors pull factors
	Year 1	Year 2	monument Year 3 memorial	consume Year 4 fertilisers	biodegradable Year 5 airstrip	voluntary Year 6 involuntary
			facilities	pesticides greengrocer butcher pollution trade product cooperative responsible trade seasonal food air freight grant packaging bakery food bank allotment irrigation leisure supply	national park nature reserve tourist attraction military ranching agriculture desertification flash flood	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 lake river ocean sea	pack ice ice sheet arid savannah vegetation	inner core outer core mantle crust tectonic plates	vegetation belts forest floor understorey layer canopy layer emergent layer	mountain range temperate deciduous forest coniferous trees deciduous trees ocean current	land mass coal natural gas crude oil emissions

Human and physical geography						
	weather season	grasslands rainforest	plate boundary volcano	drought butterfly roots	buffer coral reef	ocean tide regenerate
	climate Year 1 desert	polar Year 2 mild	shield Year 3 composite	lianas Year 4 condensation	marine Year 5 erosion	fossil fuel Year 6
		temperate habitat arch bay coast mudflat pier cliff coastline island sand dunes stack	active dormant extinct mountain fault block fold volcanic magma magma chamber vent pyroclastic flow fertile soil minerals volcanic springs earthquake tsunami fault line epicentre seismic wave focus rock natural igneous sedimentary metamorphic	evaporation groundwater percolation precipitation transpiration water cycle delta estuary floodplain meander oxbow lake river mouth source tributary valley waterfall flooding	decompose rainfall barren sparse mesa mushroom rock natural arch salt flat	

			ice shelf drifting ice Human and physical geography			
	Year 1	Year 2	iceberg Year 3 wilderness	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6

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Geographical skills and fieldwork						
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6

Geographical skills and fieldwork

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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

Geographical skills and fieldwork

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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
Fieldwork	survey questionnaire compass rain gauge thermometer temperature weather vane	—	—	—	—	—

Geographical skills and fieldwork

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
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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