

Geography vocabulary progression



Strand of Geography				Other useful words:	Challenge words
Year group	Human features	Physical features	Specific content Geographical map skills and fieldwork	Recap of previous key vocabulary or new words to introduce	
EYFS	<u>Human</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • building • town • farm • road • park • path • people • home • job • lifecycle 	<u>Physical</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • beach • sea • lake • river • desert • mountain / hill • countryside • forest / wood • weather • seasons • plants • school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • map • local • place • globe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • village • city • shop • land • house • world • water • pond • changes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • country • ocean

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Year 1	<p><u>Human</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • city • town • village • house • shop • capital city • playground • school • street • road • castle 	<p><u>Physical</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • country • beach • forest • hill • mountain • sea • ocean • weather • seasons • sun • rain • cloud • thunder • snow • trains • sand • cliff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • large scale map • pictorial map • near and far • right and left (directions) • route • local area • symbol • map • locate <p>Name and locate the 4 countries of the UK and its surrounding seas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • England • Scotland • Wales • Northern Ireland • The North Sea • The Irish Sea • Celtic Sea • English Channel • United Kingdom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • plan • aerial photograph • map key symbols • hot/cold • direction • globe • atlas • address • patterns • landmarks • temperature four seasons (spring summer autumn winter) • hot • cold 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • forecast (weather) • thermometer • recycle • environment • continent
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Year 2	<p><u>Human</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • port • harbour • factory • farm • office • city • town • village • shop • capital city 	<p><u>Physical</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • country • continent • weather • climate • seasons • cliff • river • coast • forest • hill • continent • country • national park • lake • temperature 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • up and down • North East South West • route • polar • North Pole • South Pole • name and locate the world's 7 continents and five oceans • Asia • Africa • North America • South America • Antarctica • Australia/ Oceania • Europe • Arctic • Southern, • Pacific • Atlantic • Indian • name, locate and identify characteristics of the 4 countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas • England • Scotland • Wales • Northern Ireland • Belfast • Cardiff • Edinburgh • London • North/ Irish/ Celtic Seas • United Kingdom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • characteristics • surrounding seas • contrasting • non-European • compass • North East South West • fieldwork • equator 	<p>scale grid vegetation urban rural challenge diverse places, resources and natural and human environments,</p>
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Year 3	<p><u>Human</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • urban • rural • locality • population • heritage • protected 	<p><u>Physical</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • country • continent • state • landscape • ocean • hills and mountains • base • summit • lake • bay • coast • desert • climate • climate zone • weather patterns • precipitation • location • topographical features • surrounding water • coastline • district 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North, East, South, West • Observe • measure /record • environment • Regions • Ordnance Survey map/scale • 4 figure grid reference • Symbols • keys • British Isles • regions • cities • digital map • Asia • position • technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • land use • mountains • river • equator • food chain • differences/similarities • compare/ contrast • city/country/continent • atlas/map/globe • United Kingdom • population • Great Britain • ocean • vegetation 	<p>latitude longitude services</p>
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Year 4	<p><u>Human</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • neighbour • capital city • cities • attractions • festivals • culture • tourist • Europe 	<p><u>Physical</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • continent • country • mountains • coastlines • landscape features • temperature • rainfall • precipitation • regions • landmarks • natural features 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enquiry • Climate zones (Mediterranean and temperate) • route • direction • equator • compass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hemisphere • Interaction between physical and human processes • topographical • Differences/similarities between places contour • compare/contrast 	Tropic of Cancer
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Year 5	<p><u>Human</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • deforestation • economy • population • trade • urbanisation • wealthy • deprived • neighbourhood • pollution • chemicals • farming • land use • agriculture • transportation • import • goods 	<p><u>Physical</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • continent • regions • border • land mass • biomes • climate zones • vegetation • ecosystem • humidity • rainforest layers: forest floor, understory, canopy and emergent • water in the locality • landscape • tributary • coastline • meander • ox bow lake • estuary • mouth • source • confluence • erosion • deposition • basin • water cycle • precipitation • evaporation • transpiration • condensation • distribution • surface run-off 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • analysis of data • Global warming • latitude • longitude • Northern/Southern hemisphere • Tropics of Capricorn and Cancer • Prime Meridian line • time zones • 6 figure grid reference • Ordnance Survey maps • sketch maps • key topographical features • climate zones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • urban • rural • equator 	<p>relief digital mapping</p>
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Year 6	<p><u>Human</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • urban • rural • global warming 	<p><u>Physical</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • neighbouring countries • bodies of water • temperate • mountains • volcanoes • earthquakes • tectonic plates • magma chamber • lava • magma • vent • crater • ash cloud • hot springs • fault lines • hazards • tsunami • tidal wave • permafrost • tundra • glacier 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 figure grid reference • Compass points: NW NE SE SW • sketch maps • Arctic circle • Antarctic circle • Northern Hemisphere • environmental regions • land-use patterns • meridian lines • neighbouring countries • longitude • latitude • equator • digital mapping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital technologies • Northern/Southern hemisphere • Climate change • Climate zones • Tropics of Capricorn and Cancer • Geographical influences • population 	<p>spatial variation</p>
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