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 Kilamanjaro	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	

Locational knowledge

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	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	settlement		Arizona	
	Flamborough Head	county		Atacama Desert	
	North Sea	region		Prime/Greenwich Meridian	
	English Channel	local			
	The Irish Sea	country border			

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Human and physical geography

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Human	village	urban	geothermal energy	indigenous peoples	population	densely populated
	town	rural	man-made rock	deforestation	coral bleaching	sparsely populated
	city	aquarium	treaty	community	microplastics	population density
	port	tourist	linear	logging	acidification	population distribution
	harbour		nucleated	mining	overfishing	birth rate
	skyscraper		dispersed	food miles	Marine Protected Area	death rate
	metro		recreational land	import	single-use plastic	natural increase
	transport		agricultural land	export	re-purpose	migration
			residential land	distribution	plastic pollution	refugee

Human and physical geography

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
			commercial land place of worship monument memorial facilities	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	disposable policy biodegradable airstrip national park nature reserve tourist attraction military ranching agriculture desertification flash flood	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 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 climate desert	grasslands rainforest polar mild	plate boundary volcano shield composite	drought buttress roots lianas condensation	buffer coral reef marine erosion	ocean tide regenerate fossil fuel
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	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	

Human and physical geography						
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			ice shelf drifting ice iceberg wilderness			

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Geographical skills and fieldwork						
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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

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