

Geography Concepts and Vocabulary Progression

Key Concepts in Primary Geography
<p>Locational Knowledge:</p> <p>Understanding where places are, including continents, oceans, countries (focusing on the UK), and key features like capital cities and topographical features.</p>
<p>Place Knowledge:</p> <p>Investigating specific locations, such as small areas in the UK compared to areas in other continents (e.g. in North or South America).</p>
<p>Human Geography:</p> <p>Understanding human impact and activity, including settlements (towns, villages), land use, economic activity (trade, resources), and human features.</p>
<p>Physical Geography:</p> <p>Understanding natural processes and features, such as climate zones, biomes, vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes, earthquakes, and the water cycle.</p>
<p>Geographical Skills and Fieldwork:</p> <p>Collecting data, using maps, atlases, globes, and digital technology (e.g., Google Earth), and developing spatial awareness through compass points and grid references.</p>

Key:
 Blue - new vocabulary
 Black - retrieve and recap vocabulary

Concepts	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Locational knowledge		country, city, capital city, island, sea, ocean, continents, Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America and South America	city, capital city, island, sea, continent, country, hemisphere, ocean, poles, North Pole, South Pole, Equator, Arctic, Antarctica,	country, continent, city, capital city, empire, sea	equator, hemisphere, Tropics, tropical, Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn	equator, hemisphere, Tropics, tropical, Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn	desert, state, ocean
Place knowledge	local	county, district, local,	region, tourist, resident,	town, village,	biome, taiga, tundra, temperate deciduous forest, scrub forest, grassland, desert, tropical rainforest, temperate rainforest,		
Human and Physical Geography	landmark	human landmark, physical landmark, season, autumn,	human, physical, urban, coast, coastline, rural, port, harbour, cliff,	rural, urban, lake, peninsula, population, human, physical, island,	Erosion, sediment, contour lines,	rainforest, river, source, meander, estuary, mouth, tectonic plates,	Population, invasion, landscape, erosion, river basin,

		<p>winter, spring, summer, cycle, deciduous, decay, harvest, hibernate, migrate, temperature, weather, migrate, forecast, population, extreme weather, bushfire, desert, diverse, basin,</p>	<p>dunes, cargo, wave, tide, arch, stack, cave, erosion, fossil, population, season, weather, temperature, agriculture, pollution, climate, climate zones, peninsula, monsoon, slum, inequality, culture,</p>	<p>sea, agriculture, government, climate, seasons, diversity, coasts, equator, longitude, altitude, currents, valley, sea level, mountain, volcano, tourism industry, population, landmark, landscape, temperate, maritime, ocean currents, fertile, topography, relief, pastoral, arable, industrial, territory, landmass, independent, political (boundary), republic, flora, fauna, culture, temperate, region, economy, export, wealth, weather,</p>	<p>source, upper/middle/lower course, channel, V-shaped valley, tributaries, erosion, transportation, deposition, undercutting, meander, oxbow lake, mouth, estuary, delta, precipitation, surface runoff, throughflow, abrasion, attrition, corrosion, hydraulic action, traction, saltation, suspension, solution, velocity, river, riverbank, source, irrigation, silt, flow flood, dam, reservoir, source, delta, civilisation, mouth, confluence, bankfull,</p>	<p>mountain range, highlands, elevation, glacier, coast, country, boundary, population, climate, weather, precipitation, evaporation, water cycle, state, capital, landscape, biome, flora, fauna, soil fertility, diversity, atmosphere, delta, tributary, port, settlement, (un)sustainable, species, economy, grazing, nutrients, culture layers of the rainforest (emergent, canopy, understory, and forest floor), migration, push factor, pull factor,</p>	<p>resources, freshwater, lakes, grassland, port, trade, transport, latitude, longitude, mountain, mountain range, topography, political, time zone, National Park. abrasion, attrition, corrosion, hydraulic action, tributary, erosion, relief, climate, vegetation, soil, economic, social, political, biome, desert, temperate forest, climate (zones), mediterranean, delta, flood, latitude, delta, precipitation, republic, plains, prairie, administrative, canyon, gorge, plateau,</p>
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Geographical skills and fieldwork	map, bird's eye view, key, symbol	compass, north, south, east, west, bird's eye view, symbol, map, key	Orientation	Map, scale, key, orientation, compass points, compass, directions, OS maps, Richter Scale	OS maps, key, symbol, eastings, northings, grid reference, thermometer	Mercator, time zone, meridian, Prime Meridian,	geology(ist)