

Vocabulary Progression – Geography



Reception	Year 1/2		Year 3/4		Year 5/6	
Locational Knowledge Same, different, similar, difference, world, place (e.g. park, street, house, shop, farm, beach) Place Knowledge Big tree, small plant, bright flower, brick house, busy bus station, hot, cold, windy, sunny, snowy, cloudy, wet, dry, environment, features, place, world	Locational Knowledge Similarities, differences, environment, observe, record, draw, write, watch, look, colder, warmer, drier, wetter, more, fewer, less, like, dislike, England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland,	Locational Knowledge British Isles, England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, rivers, Thames, Tay, Severn, Bann, North Sea, English Channel, Atlantic Ocean, Irish Sea, Europe, North America, South America, Oceania/Australasia,	Locational Knowledge Countries Europe, Russia, United Kingdom, France, Spain, Germany, London, Belfast, Edinburgh, Cardiff, Birmingham, Glasgow, Derry, Swansea, cities, capital cities, counties, maps, atlases, environmental regions, physical characteristics, human	Locational Knowledge Northern hemisphere, Southern hemisphere, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Argentina, countries, continents, predict. Land use patterns, changes. Position, significance, Equator, Tropics of Cancer, Tropics of Capricorn Place Knowledge	Locational Knowledge South America, Brazil, Colombia, Argentina, Peru, Venezuela, Chile, Ecuador, Bolivia, Brasilia, Bogota, Buenos Aires, Lima, Caracas, Santiago, Quito, Sucre, Tropic of Cancer, Tropic of Capricorn, Equator, Map, globe, atlas, environmental region, physical	Locational Knowledge Arctic circle, Antarctic circle, Prime Meridian, Greenwich Meridian, time zone, North America, Central America, Caribbean, United States of America, Canada, Mexico, Map, globe, atlas, digital mapping, identify, position, significance, locate
Human and Physical Geography Human: path, farm, office, school, sea, field, car park, home, house, train station, bus station, airport, place Physical Cloud, rain, snow, hail, wind, storm, sun, sea, soil, spring, summer, autumn, winter, world, patterns, change, observe, explain,	London, Edinburgh, Cardiff, Belfast, capital cities, spring, summer, autumn, winter, rain, hail, sleet, snow, wind, fog, sun Place Knowledge town, city, house, home, shop, road, bus, car, detached house, semidetached house, terraced	Asia, Africa, Antarctica, Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean, Southern Ocean, Arctic Ocean, Atlantic Ocean Place Knowledge City, town, Contrast, compare, similarities, differences	characteristics, land use, patterns, changes, discuss, investigate, critical, topography, topographical features, mountains, hills, valleys, lakes, rivers, oceans, dams, cities, roads Place Knowledge Compare, contrast, similarities, differences, human features, physical features, regions, United Kingdom, city	Compare, contrast, similarities, differences, human features, physical features, regions, Europe, United Kingdom Human and Physical Geography Climate zone, climate, arctic, temperate, tropical, Mediterranean, desert, Antarctic,	characteristics, human characteristics, major cities, significance, position, latitude, longitude Place Knowledge Similarities, differences, human characteristics, physical characteristics, compare, contrast United Kingdom, South America,	Place Knowledge Human features, physical features, United Kingdom, South America, landmarks, physical characteristics, human characteristics. Compare, contrast, similarities, differences, locate, identify Human and Physical Geography

environment, different, difference, same, similar, features

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork

Behind the wall, next to, in front of, end, above, below the sign, under the table, on, near, far, close to, underneath, step forwards, step backwards, far away from, big, small, tall Year

house, garden, street, school, park, path, lake, canal, compare, contrast, similarities, differences

Human and Physical Geography

Human: coat, tshirt, dress, jumper, sandals, wellies, scarf, hat, gloves

Physical: Season, seasonal, spring, summer, autumn, winter, warm, cool, wind, rain, sun, fog, snow, warmer, colder, sunnier, rainier, snowier, predict, Equator

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork

Map, atlas, globe Locate, describe, features, observe, look, watch, measure, record, draw, write, sketch, plan, graph, chart, tally

Human and Physical Geography

Human: town, village, factory, port, harbour, transport, route, north, south, east, west

Physical: beach, cliff, coast, ocean, valley, vegetation, equator, tropics, climate, continent, Hot, cold, hotter, colder, Equator, North Pole, South Pole, weather patterns, global warming, predict, compare, contrast, similarities, differences, locality, identify, observe

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork

Globe, atlas, map, locate, describe, features, countries, continents, oceans Kingdom, British Isles, compass, north, south, east, west

Human and Physical Geography

Climate, climate zone, arctic, temperate, tropical, Mediterranean, desert, Antarctic, map, weather, locality, humidity, rainfall, temperature, reasoned arguments, informed arguments, global warming, research, investigate, discover, implications

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork

Map, atlas, locate, countries, describe, features, digital mapping, computer mapping, compass, eight points, north, south, east, west, north east, north west, south east, south west, four figure grid reference, symbols, keys

temperature, humidity, rainfall, weather, land use patterns, farming, roads, settlements, towns, cities, mountains, hills, rivers, valleys, lakes, oceans, dams, roads, economic activity, trade links, natural resources, energy, renewable, nonrenewable

Earthquakes, epicentre, aftershock, tectonic plates, magnitude, Richter scale, foreshock, main shock, seismic waves, volcano, magma chamber, lava, crater, ash cloud, active volcano, dormant volcano, eruption, ring of fire, extinct volcano, pyroclastic flow, water, minerals, food, water cycle, precipitation, condensation, evaporation

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork

Europe, climate zone, biome, climate, weather, temperature, humidity, rainfall

Human and Physical Geography

Biome, vegetation belts, climate zone, climate, temperature, humidity, rainfall, maps, atlas, globe, tropical rainforest, temperate rainforest, deserts, tundra, taiga, grasslands, savannah, natural resources, energy, nonrenewable, renewable, food, minerals, water

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork

Atlas, map, globe, digital mapping, OS maps, Ordnance Survey maps, symbols, keys. Features, reasoned opinions, countries Reflect, importance, value, locate, major cities, conclusions, similarities, differences, study, describe, tourism, industry, settlement, land use patterns, economic activity, trade links, distribution, natural resources, energy, renewable, non-renewable

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork

Survey, collate, data, record, observe, data handling, graphs, charts, results, compare, contrast, locality, measure, conclusions

		Grid references, four figure, six figure, OS map, Ordnance Survey map, symbols, keys	