



Geography Vocabulary Progression



EYFS

Location and Place	Human Geography	Physical Geography	Geographical Skills and Fieldwork
✓ Home ✓ School ✓ Street ✓ Near ✓ Far ✓ Same ✓ Different ✓ Town ✓ Village	✓ House ✓ Shops ✓ Airport ✓ train station ✓ road ✓ bridge	✓ Hot ✓ Cold ✓ Weather ✓ Rain ✓ Wind ✓ Sun ✓ Sea ✓ Land ✓ Beach	✓ Map ✓ Route ✓ Under ✓ Over ✓ Forwards ✓ Backwards ✓ Destination

Year 1/2/3

Would you prefer to live in a hot place or a cold place?		What is the weather in the UK like?		What is it like to live in Shanghai?	
Locational: ✓ Africa ✓ North America ✓ South America ✓ Antarctica ✓ Oceania ✓ Equator ✓ North Pole ✓ South Pole ✓ Kenya	Human: ✓ Urban ✓ Rural Physical: ✓ pack ice ✓ ice sheet ✓ arid ✓ savannah ✓ vegetation ✓ grasslands ✓ rainforest ✓ polar ✓ mild ✓ temperate	Locational: ✓ Europe ✓ England ✓ Scotland ✓ Wales ✓ Northern Ireland ✓ United Kingdom (UK) Physical: ✓ Weather ✓ Season ✓ Climate		Locational: ✓ Asia ✓ China ✓ Shanghai Human: ✓ Port ✓ Harbour ✓ Skyscraper ✓ Metro ✓ Transport	Physical: ✓ Desert
What is it like to live by the coast?		Who lives in Antarctica?		Why do people live near to volcanoes?	
Locational: ✓ Weymouth ✓ Jurassic Coast	Human: ✓ aquarium ✓ tourist	Locational: ✓ Tropic of Capricorn ✓ Tropic of Cancer	Physical: ✓ ice shelf ✓ drifting ice	Locational: ✓ Italy ✓ climate zones	Human: ✓ geothermal energy ✓ man-made rock

✓ Pembrokeshire ✓ Orkney Islands ✓ Giant's Causeway ✓ Flamborough Head ✓ North Sea ✓ English Channel ✓ The Irish Sea	Physical: ✓ arch ✓ bay ✓ coast ✓ mudflat ✓ pier ✓ cliff ✓ coastline ✓ island ✓ sand dunes ✓ stack	✓ Northern Hemisphere ✓ Southern Hemisphere ✓ Arctic Circle ✓ Antarctic Circle ✓ South Georgia ✓ Mount Erebus Human: ✓ treaty	✓ iceberg ✓ wilderness	✓ polar ✓ temperate ✓ arid ✓ tropical ✓ Mediterranean ✓ Mountains ✓ Earth ✓ Mount Kilimanjaro ✓ The Andes ✓ The Himalayas ✓ The Rockies ✓ The Alps ✓ Mount Etna ✓ Lines of latitude ✓ Lines of longitude	Physical: ✓ inner core ✓ outer core ✓ mantle ✓ crust ✓ tectonic plates ✓ plate boundary ✓ volcano ✓ shield ✓ composite ✓ 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
Geographical Skills and Fieldwork		Geographical: ✓ aerial view ✓ aerial photograph ✓ distance ✓ location ✓ landmark	Mapping: ✓ map ✓ globe ✓ atlas ✓ symbol ✓ key		

	✓ negative/positive effects ✓ climate change ✓ adaptation ✓ tourism ✓ explorer ✓ cross-section ✓ similarity/difference ✓ land use	✓ sketch map ✓ scale ✓ index ✓ hemisphere ✓ scale bar ✓ mapping ✓ tilt ✓ four-figure grid reference ✓ plot ✓ eight points of the compass ✓ route ✓ OS map
	Fieldwork: ✓ survey ✓ questionnaire ✓ compass ✓ rain gauge ✓ thermometer ✓ temperature ✓ weather vane ✓ sample ✓ tally chart ✓ pictogram ✓ bar chart ✓ data collection	✓ expedition ✓ magnetic/magnetic field ✓ research ✓ intention ✓ destination ✓ evaluate ✓ compare ✓ improvement

Year 4/5/6

What is life like in the alps?		Why do oceans matter?		What are rivers and how are they used?	
Locational: ✓ The Alps ✓ France ✓ Monaco ✓ Switzerland ✓ Liechtenstein ✓ Austria ✓ Germany ✓ Slovenia	Human: ✓ population Physical: ✓ mountain range ✓ temperate deciduous forest ✓ coniferous trees ✓ deciduous trees	Locational: ✓ Great Barrier Reef ✓ Australia ✓ Japan ✓ South Korea ✓ USA ✓ Thailand ✓ India Human: ✓ coral bleaching ✓ microplastics	Physical: ✓ ocean current ✓ buffer ✓ coral reef ✓ marine ✓ erosion ✓ decompose	Locational: ✓ River Severn ✓ River Thames ✓ River Trent ✓ River Great Ouse ✓ River Wye ✓ River Mississippi ✓ River Amazon ✓ River Nile ✓ River Danube ✓ River Yangtze	Physical: ✓ condensation ✓ evaporation ✓ groundwater ✓ percolation ✓ precipitation ✓ transpiration ✓ water cycle ✓ delta ✓ estuary ✓ floodplain

Aspiration - Resilience - Community

		✓ acidification ✓ overfishing ✓ Marine Protected Area ✓ single-use plastic ✓ re-purpose ✓ plastic pollution ✓ disposable ✓ policy ✓ biodegradable		✓ River Murray Human: ✓ irrigation ✓ leisure ✓ supply	✓ meander ✓ oxbow ✓ lake ✓ river ✓ mouth ✓ source ✓ tributary ✓ valley ✓ waterfall ✓ flooding
Would you like to live in the desert?		Where does our food come from?		Why are rainforests important to us?	
Locational: ✓ Mojave Desert ✓ Death Valley ✓ Gobi Desert ✓ Oleshky Sands ✓ Sahara Desert ✓ Chihuahuan Desert ✓ Patagonian Desert ✓ Antarctic Polar Desert ✓ Great Victoria Desert ✓ Nevada ✓ Utah ✓ Arizona ✓ Atacama Desert ✓ Prime/Greenwich Meridian	Human: ✓ airstrip ✓ national park ✓ nature reserve ✓ tourist attraction ✓ military ✓ ranching ✓ agriculture ✓ desertification ✓ flash flood Physical: ✓ rainfall ✓ barren ✓ sparse ✓ mesa ✓ mushroom rock ✓ natural arch ✓ salt flat	Locational: ✓ Côte d'Ivoire ✓ West Africa Human: ✓ food miles ✓ import ✓ export ✓ distribution ✓ produce ✓ waste ✓ consume ✓ fertilisers ✓ pesticides ✓ greengrocer ✓ butcher ✓ pollution ✓ trade ✓ product ✓ cooperative ✓ responsible trade ✓ seasonal food ✓ air freight ✓ grant ✓ packaging ✓ bakery ✓ food bank ✓ allotment		Locational: ✓ biomes ✓ savannah ✓ tropical rainforest ✓ temperate deciduous ✓ forest ✓ boreal forest ✓ desert ✓ tundra ✓ Amazon rainforest ✓ Brazil ✓ Manaus	Human: ✓ indigenous peoples ✓ deforestation ✓ community ✓ logging ✓ mining Physical: ✓ vegetation belts ✓ forest floor ✓ understorey layer ✓ canopy layer ✓ emergent layer ✓ drought ✓ buttress roots ✓ lianas

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork	Geographical: ✓ 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 ✓ fieldwork ✓ evidence	Mapping: ✓ represent ✓ grid square ✓ land height ✓ sea level ✓ thematic map ✓ aerial map ✓ digital map ✓ time zone ✓ six-figure grid references ✓ contour lines
	Fieldwork: ✓ investigate ✓ interview ✓ method ✓ risk ✓ enquiry ✓ data ✓ analyse ✓ present ✓ quantitative/qualitative data ✓ summarise ✓ interpret ✓ quote ✓ source ✓ sample size ✓ reliability ✓ limitations ✓ open-ended/closed questions	✓ 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

	✓ Likert scale
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