



Geography Vocabulary Progression

Year 1/2			
Geographical skills and fieldwork	Human and physical geography		Locational Knowledge
Geographical	Human	Physical	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• aerial view• aerial photograph• distance• location• locate• near• far• left• right• north• features• direction• physical feature• human feature• similar• different• landmark	What is the weather like in the UK?		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• weather• season• climate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Europe• England• Scotland• Wales• Northern Ireland• United Kingdom (UK_)• pace• country• continent
Mapping	What is it like to live in Shanghai?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• map• globe• atlas• symbol• key• sketch map	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• port• harbour• skyscraper• metro• transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• desert	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Asia• China• Shanghai

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • scale • OS map 	Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • urban • rural 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pack ice • ice sheet • arid • savannah • vegetation • grasslands • rainforest • polar • mild • temperate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Africa • North America • South America • Antarctica • Oceania • Equator • North Pole • South Pole • Kenya
	Why is our world wonderful?		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • habitat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atlantic Ocean • Indian Ocean • Southern Ocean • Pacific Ocean • Arctic Ocean • London • Edinburgh • Cardiff • Belfast • Ben Nevis • Lake Windermere • Mount Snowdon • capital city

Year 3/4				
Geographical skills and fieldwork	Human and physical geography			Locational Knowledge
Geographical	Human	Physical		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	Why do people live near to volcanoes?			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• geothermal energy• man-made rock	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• inner core• outer core• mantle• crust• tectonic plate• plate boundary• volcano: shield composite active dormant extinct• mountain: fault fold volcanic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• magma• magma chamber• vent• pyroclastic flow• fertile soil• volcanic springs• earthquake• tsunami• fault line• epicentre• seismic wave• focus• rock: natural igneous sedimentary metamorphic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Italy• climate zones:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ polar○ temperate○ arid○ tropical○ Mediterranean○ mountains• Earth• Mount Kilimanjaro• The Andes• The Himalayas• The Rockies• The Alps• Mount Etna• Lines of latitude/ longitude
Mapping	Who lives in Antarctica?			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• index• hemisphere• scale bar• mapping• tilt• 4-figured grid reference• Plot• 8 points of the compass• route	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• treaty	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ice shelf• drifting ice• iceberg• wilderness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tropic of Capricorn• Tropic of Cancer• Northern Hemisphere• Southern Hemisphere• Arctic Circle• Antarctic Circle• South Georgia• Mount Erebus	

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• represent• grid square					
Fieldwork	Why are rainforests important to use?				
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 question	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• indigenous• peoples• deforestation• community• logging• mining	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• vegetation belts• forest floor• understory layer• canopy layer• emergent layer• drought• buttress roots• lianas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• biomes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Savannah○ Tropical rainforest○ Temperature deciduous forest○ Boreal forest○ Desert○ Tundra• Amazon rainforest• Brazil• Manaus		
	Where does our food come from?				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• food miles• import• export• distribution• produce• waste• consume• fertilisers• pesticides• greengrocer• butcher	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• trade• product• cooperative• reasonable trade• seasonal food• air freight• grant• packaging• bakery• food bank• allotment		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cote d'Ivoire• West Africa	
	What are rivers and how are they used?				
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• irrigation• leisure• supply	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• condensation• evaporation• groundwater• percolation• precipitation• transpiration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• meander• oxbow lake• river mouth• source• tributary• valley	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• River Severn• River Thames• River Trent• River Great Ouse• River Wye		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• water cycle• delta• estuary• floodplain	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• waterfall• flooding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• River Mississippi• River Amazon• River Nile• River Danube• River Yangtze• River Murray
Year 5/6				
Geographical skills and fieldwork	Human and physical geography			Locational Knowledge
Geographical	Human	Physical		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• natural disaster• threat• species• dependent• geology• ecology• ecosystem• atmosphere• human footprint• environment• comparison• impact• landscape• urban planner	What is life like in the Alps?			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• population	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• mountain range• temperate deciduous forest• coniferous trees• deciduous trees	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Alps• France• Monaco• Switzerland• Liechtenstein• Austria• Germany• Slovenia	
Mapping	Would you like to live in the desert?			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• land height• sea level• thematic map• aerial map• digital map• time zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• airstrip• national park• tourist attraction• military• ranching• agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• rainfall• barren• sparse• mesa• mushroom rock• natural arch	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mojave Desert• Death Valley• Gobi Desert• Oleshky Sands• Sahara Desert	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Antarctic Polar Desert• Great Victoria• Desert• Nevada• Utah• Arizona

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6-figure grid references• contour lines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• desertification• flash flood	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• salt flat	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chihuahuan Desert• Patagonian Desert	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Atacama Desert• Prime/ Greenwich Meridian
Fieldwork	Why do oceans matter?			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• fieldwork• evidence• digital technologies• conclusion• cartogram• Geographic Information System (GIS)• pie chart• line graph• live data• consideration• annotate• justify• issue• viewpoint• data collection methods• audience• recommendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• coral bleaching• microplastics• acidification• overfishing• Marine Protected Area• single-use plastic• re-purpose• plastic pollution• disposable• policy• biodegradable	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ocean current• buffer• coral reef• marine• erosion• decompose	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Great Barrier Reef• Australia• Japan• South Korea• USA• Thailand• India	
	Why does population change?			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• densely populated• sparsely populated• population density• population distribution• birth rate• death rate• natural increase• migration• refugee• push factors• pull factors• voluntary• involuntary• air pollution• noise pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• coal• natural gas• crude oil• emissions• ocean tide• regenerate• fossil fuel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Port of Blythe• Midland, Texas• Cities of the UK<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Glasgow○ Liverpool○ Bristol○ Newcastle○ Southampton○ Plymouth○ Leeds	

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