



Geography cumulative vocabulary progression

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Questioning	Same, different Question words (who, what, where, why, how)	Geography Compare				Contrast, pattern, analyse, evaluate	
Mapping, scale, recording	Map, picture, photograph Position words (eg forward, backward, around, turn)	Globe, Atlas, Aerial photograph, Key, Sketch, Diagram, symbols Compass Points- N,S,E,W Position words (near, far, left, right)	Location, route, landscape, environment, local, distant, Record, measure	Relief map, political map, fieldwork, grid references, digital mapping Compass - North East, South East, North West, South West	Distance, scale, Satellite Urban/rural Inland/coastal	Survey, questionnaire Terrain, contour	Ordnance Survey Compass-16 points
Human features	Familiar figures at home/school/locally (eg headteacher, doctor, grandmother)	Including: city, town, village, house, farm, shop	Including: Port, harbour, factory, office	Including: settlements, transport, economic activity, industry, energy, food)		Population, development, Economic activity Land use	Migrate, indigenous, Immigrant Sustainable, renewable, congestion, pollution Import/export
Physical features	Familiar features (eg house, bridge, school, church, wood, field)	Including: beach, hill, mountain	Including: desert, beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, river, valley	Including: vegetation, landscape, weathering			Natural resources, biomes, conservation, minerals
Place – Countries etc	World, Earth	Country, Capital UK Countries and Capitals (England, London, Wales, Cardiff, Scotland, Edinburgh, Northern Ireland, Belfast)	Continents (Europe, Asia, N. America, S. America, Africa, Antarctica, Australia) Equator, North and South Pole / Arctic/Antarctic Oceans (Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Southern, Arctic)	climate zone, polar, equator, tropical, longitude, latitude, hemisphere	Region, County	Tropic of Cancer, Tropic of Capricorn	Greenwich/Prime Meridian, time zones



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Weather & Climate	Weather (wet, dry, sun, rain, snow, hot, cold)	inc. wind, temperature, Celsius Seasons (Autumn, Spring, Summer, Winter)			Precipitation, evaporation, humidity, condensation, water cycle weathering, erosion		
Specific topics (not exclusive list)	Transport (bus, train, plane, bike, walk)			Rivers- Meander, flood, plain, lake, source, spring, mouth Soil, loam, clay	Farming (inc arable, intensive, market gardening, mixed, organic, export, import) Sustainable, native,	Rivers -erosion/ deposition/ transportation, Tributary, confluence, oxbow-lake, sea level, Coasts – long shore drift/ headland Rainforest - Canopy, emergent, deforestation, slash and burn	Tectonic plates, magma, volcano, seismic, active, dormant, eruption, fault, fissure