

Geography - progressive vocabulary lists by Year Group

Key vocabulary

All learners to know, understand meaning and use vocabulary - building year on year.

All teachers to reference and use the vocabulary securing and building from year to year

	Place, space and being a geographer Locational knowledge	Place, space and being a geographer Locational knowledge
Early years	up, down, above, below, behind, in front of, next to, beside, left, right, map, globe, world, space, town, country, live, ground, air, water, sea, travel, hill, river, pond, road, path, field, farm, weather	
Year 1	route, directions, atlas, digital images, continent, north, south, east, west, compass, locate, local, human, physical, weather	4 countries of UK (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)– England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland , capital city – London (UK & England), Edinburgh (Scotland), Cardiff (Wales), Belfast Northern Ireland), seas - North Sea, Irish Sea, English Channel, non-European country Morocco - North Africa
Year 2	plan, fieldwork, sketch, diagram, community, facilities, trail, scale, key, environment, aerial photograph, traffic, locality, region, north pole, south pole, desert, coastal, landmark, features, seaside	British Isles (UK plus Republic Ireland/Eire/Southern Ireland - capital Dublin - and all the smaller islands), Britain (landmass of England, Scotland Wales) 7 continents – Europe, Africa, Asia, North America, South America, Australia/Oceania, Antarctica, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6DSMZ8b3LE and 5 oceans – Atlantic Ocean, Indian Ocean, Pacific Ocean, Southern Ocean, Arctic Ocean
Year 3	contents, index, symbols, 8 points of compass N, NE, E, SE, S, SW, W, NW, Ordnance survey maps, sketch maps, volcanoes, earthquakes, jungle, lakes, climate, people, food, cities, villages, equator, local, human impact, national, international, survey, questionnaire	Local Study, Central (North) America – Guatemala,
Year 4	co-ordinates, four figure grid references, accurate sketch maps, graphs, rainforest, interdependence, fair trade, northern/southern hemisphere, tropics Cancer, Capricorn, climate, river, river journey - mountains, hills, watercycle, source, landscapes, farming, industry, city, coast	Europe, UK, World, Central (North) America, European Regional Study
Year 5	locate information/ place with speed and accuracy, varying scales, sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies local, national, international, global, traffic, proposal, orienteering, lake, effect of locality and physical and human characteristics on our lives, observe, measure, record and present human and physical features, conduct a land use survey	Europe, British Isles, North America. Local study
Year 6	revisit and use all the vocabulary / knowledge accumulated over KS1 & 2 plus ... evolution, environmental change, bio-geographic maps, pattern/ movement/ change, latitude, longitude, GMT	Revision - Geography in the News – issues local, national, world, locational knowledge of World, Europe and UK