



# Geography

Vocabulary progression

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\*NB: Our **Place knowledge** strand involves understanding similarities and differences between places and therefore doesn't have its own associated vocabulary, rather pupils' understanding of 'place' will involve an awareness of much of the vocabulary used in other strands.

We have separated human and physical geography to make progression clearer, however it is important to be aware that the human and physical are interconnected and some terms could arguably be described as human *and* physical geography terms. The National curriculum groups 'weather and seasons' under physical geography, and so this is where we have also placed terms related to weather, seasons and climate.

Words used in EYFS: Reception units may be duplicated in later year groups. This is because our Reception units are designed to be taught using a 'pick and mix' approach and schools may not use all of the activities and also because it gives pupils an opportunity to revisit and embed key vocabulary.

# EYFS- Vocabulary progression

Geographical skills and fieldwork	Human and physical geography		Locational knowledge
Geographical	Human	Physical	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• direction</li> <li>• feature</li> <li>• find</li> <li>• journey</li> </ul>	<b>Exploring maps</b>		
<b>Mapping</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• building</li> <li>• car park</li> <li>• field</li> <li>• house</li> <li>• park</li> <li>• path</li> <li>• road</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• lake</li> <li>• river</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• town</li> <li>• village</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• above</li> <li>• aerial</li> <li>• bird's eye view</li> <li>• map</li> </ul>	<b>Outdoor adventures</b>		
<b>Fieldwork</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• acorn</li> <li>• autumn</li> <li>• bark</li> <li>• dark</li> <li>• dry</li> <li>• feather</li> <li>• flower</li> <li>• freezing</li> <li>• frosty</li> <li>• hot</li> <li>• leaf</li> <li>• rain</li> <li>• seed</li> <li>• snow</li> <li>• spring</li> <li>• summer</li> <li>• sun</li> <li>• sunny</li> <li>• twig</li> <li>• wet</li> <li>• winter</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• identify</li> <li>• look</li> <li>• photograph</li> <li>• route</li> <li>• search</li> <li>• feel</li> <li>• look</li> <li>• notice</li> <li>• observe</li> <li>• see</li> <li>• smell</li> <li>• Sound</li> <li>• touch</li> </ul>			

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• aerial view</li> <li>• aerial photograph</li> <li>• distance</li> <li>• location</li> <li>• locate</li> <li>• near</li> <li>• far</li> <li>• left</li> <li>• right</li> <li>• north</li> <li>• features</li> <li>• direction</li> <li>• physical feature</li> <li>• human feature</li> <li>• similar</li> <li>• different</li> </ul>	<b>What is it like here?</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• village</li> <li>• town</li> <li>• city</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• land</li> <li>• lake</li> <li>• river</li> <li>• ocean</li> <li>• sea</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• place</li> <li>• continent</li> <li>• country</li> </ul>
	<b>What is the weather like in the UK?</b>		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• weather</li> <li>• season</li> <li>• climate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Europe</li> <li>• England</li> <li>• Scotland</li> <li>• Wales</li> <li>• Northern Ireland</li> <li>• United Kingdom (UK)</li> </ul>
	<b>What is it like to live in Shanghai?</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• port</li> <li>• harbour</li> <li>• skyscraper</li> <li>• metro</li> <li>• transport</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• desert</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asia</li> <li>• China</li> <li>• Shanghai</li> </ul>
Mapping			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• map</li> <li>• globe</li> <li>• atlas</li> <li>• symbol</li> <li>• key</li> </ul>			
Fieldwork			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• survey</li> <li>• questionnaire</li> <li>• compass</li> <li>• rain gauge</li> <li>• thermometer</li> <li>• temperature</li> <li>• weather vane</li> </ul>			

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>landmark</li> </ul>	<b>Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?</b>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mapping</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>urban</li> <li>rural</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>pack ice</li> <li>ice sheet</li> <li>arid</li> <li>savannah</li> <li>vegetation</li> <li>grasslands</li> <li>rainforest</li> <li>polar</li> <li>mild</li> <li>temperate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Africa</li> <li>North America</li> <li>South America</li> <li>Antarctica</li> <li>Oceania</li> <li>Equator</li> <li>North Pole</li> <li>South Pole</li> <li>Kenya</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>sketch map</li> <li>scale</li> <li>OS map</li> </ul>	<b>Why is our world wonderful?</b>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fieldwork</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>habitat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Atlantic Ocean</li> <li>Indian Ocean</li> <li>Southern Ocean</li> <li>Pacific Ocean</li> <li>Arctic Ocean</li> <li>London</li> <li>Edinburgh</li> <li>Cardiff</li> <li>Belfast</li> <li>Ben Nevis</li> <li>Lake Windermere</li> <li>Mount Snowdon</li> <li>capital city</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>sample</li> <li>tally chart</li> <li>pictogram</li> <li>bar chart</li> <li>data collection</li> </ul>	<b>What is it like to live by the coast?</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>aquarium</li> <li>tourist</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>arch</li> <li>bay</li> <li>coast</li> <li>mudflat</li> <li>pier</li> <li>cliff</li> <li>coastline</li> <li>island</li> <li>sand dunes</li> <li>stack</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weymouth</li> <li>Jurassic Coast</li> <li>Pembrokeshire</li> <li>Orkney Islands</li> <li>Giant's Causeway</li> <li>Flamborough Head</li> <li>North Sea</li> <li>English Channel</li> <li>The Irish Sea</li> </ul>

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	Human	Physical		
Geographical	<b>Why do people live near volcanoes?</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● negative/positive effects</li> <li>● climate change</li> <li>● adaptation</li> <li>● tourism</li> <li>● explorer</li> <li>● cross-section</li> <li>● similarity/difference</li> <li>● land use</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● geothermal energy</li> <li>● man-made rock</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● inner core</li> <li>● outer core</li> <li>● mantle</li> <li>● crust</li> <li>● tectonic plate</li> <li>● plate boundary</li> <li>● volcano                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ shield</li> <li>○ composite</li> <li>○ active</li> <li>○ dormant</li> <li>○ extinct</li> </ul> </li> <li>● mountain                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ fault block</li> <li>○ fold</li> <li>○ volcanic</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● magma</li> <li>● magma chamber</li> <li>● vent</li> <li>● pyroclastic flow</li> <li>● fertile soil</li> <li>● volcanic springs</li> <li>● earthquake</li> <li>● tsunami</li> <li>● fault line</li> <li>● epicentre</li> <li>● seismic wave</li> <li>● focus</li> <li>● rock                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ natural</li> <li>○ igneous</li> <li>○ sedimentary</li> <li>○ metamorphic</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Italy</li> <li>● climate zones                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ polar</li> <li>○ temperate</li> <li>○ arid</li> <li>○ tropical</li> <li>○ mediterranean</li> <li>○ mountains</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Earth</li> <li>● Mount Kilimanjaro</li> <li>● The Andes</li> <li>● The Himalayas</li> <li>● The Rockies</li> <li>● The Alps</li> <li>● Mount Etna</li> <li>● Lines of latitude/longitude</li> </ul>
Mapping	<b>Who lives in Antarctica?</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● index</li> <li>● hemisphere</li> <li>● scale bar</li> <li>● mapping</li> <li>● tilt</li> <li>● four-figure grid reference</li> <li>● plot</li> <li>● eight points of the compass</li> <li>● route</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● treaty</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ice shelf</li> <li>● drifting ice</li> <li>● iceberg</li> <li>● wilderness</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tropic of Capricorn</li> <li>● Tropic of Cancer</li> <li>● Northern Hemisphere</li> <li>● Southern Hemisphere</li> <li>● Arctic Circle</li> <li>● Antarctic Circle</li> <li>● South Georgia</li> <li>● Mount Erebus</li> </ul>	
Fieldwork	<b>Are all settlements the same?</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● expedition</li> <li>● magnetic/magnetic field</li> <li>● research</li> <li>● intention</li> <li>● destination</li> <li>● evaluate</li> <li>● compare</li> <li>● improvement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● linear</li> <li>● nucleated</li> <li>● dispersed</li> <li>● recreational land</li> <li>● agricultural land</li> <li>● residential land</li> <li>● commercial land</li> <li>● place of worship</li> <li>● monument</li> <li>● memorial</li> <li>● facilities</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● New Delhi</li> <li>● settlement</li> <li>● county</li> <li>● region</li> <li>● local</li> <li>● country border</li> </ul>	

# Year 4 - Vocabulary progression

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Geographical	Human	Physical	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>benefit/advantage</li> <li>drawback/disadvantage</li> <li>process</li> <li>approximate</li> <li>greenhouse gas</li> <li>sustainability</li> <li>carbon footprint</li> <li>global warming</li> <li>renewable energy</li> </ul>	<b>Why are rainforests important to us?</b>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Mapping</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>indigenous peoples</li> <li>deforestation</li> <li>Community</li> <li>logging</li> <li>mining</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>vegetation belts</li> <li>forest floor</li> <li>understorey layer</li> <li>canopy layer</li> <li>emergent layer</li> <li>drought</li> <li>buttress roots</li> <li>lianas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>biomes                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Savannah</li> <li>Tropical rainforest</li> <li>Temperate deciduous forest</li> <li>Boreal forest</li> <li>Desert</li> <li>Tundra</li> </ul> </li> <li>Amazon rainforest</li> <li>Brazil</li> <li>Manaus</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>represent</li> <li>grid square</li> </ul>	<b>Where does our food come from?</b>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Fieldwork</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>food miles</li> <li>import</li> <li>export</li> <li>distribution</li> <li>produce</li> <li>waste</li> <li>consume</li> <li>fertilisers</li> <li>pesticides</li> <li>greengrocer</li> <li>butcher</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>trade product</li> <li>cooperative</li> <li>responsible trade</li> <li>seasonal food</li> <li>air freight</li> <li>grant</li> <li>packaging</li> <li>bakery</li> <li>food bank</li> <li>allotment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Côte d'Ivoire</li> <li>West Africa</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>investigate</li> <li>interview</li> <li>method</li> <li>risk</li> <li>enquiry</li> <li>data</li> <li>analyse</li> <li>present</li> <li>quantitative/qualitative data</li> <li>summarise</li> <li>interpret</li> <li>quote</li> <li>source</li> <li>sample size</li> <li>reliability</li> <li>limitations</li> <li>open-ended/closed question</li> <li>Likert scale</li> </ul>	<b>What are rivers and how are they used?</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>irrigation</li> <li>leisure</li> <li>supply</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>condensation</li> <li>evaporation</li> <li>groundwater</li> <li>percolation</li> <li>precipitation</li> <li>transpiration</li> <li>water cycle</li> <li>delta</li> <li>estuary</li> <li>floodplain</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>meander</li> <li>oxbow lake</li> <li>river mouth</li> <li>source</li> <li>tributary</li> <li>valley</li> <li>waterfall</li> <li>flooding</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>River Severn</li> <li>River Thames</li> <li>River Trent</li> <li>River Great Ouse</li> <li>River Wye</li> <li>River Mississippi.</li> <li>River Amazon</li> <li>River Nile</li> <li>River Danube</li> <li>River Yangtze</li> <li>River Murray</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>natural disaster</li> <li>threat</li> <li>species</li> <li>dependent</li> <li>geology</li> <li>ecology</li> <li>ecosystem</li> <li>atmosphere</li> <li>human footprint</li> <li>environment</li> <li>comparison</li> </ul>	<b>What is life like in the Alps?</b>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>population</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>mountain range</li> <li>temperate deciduous forest</li> <li>coniferous trees</li> <li>deciduous trees</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Alps</li> <li>France</li> <li>Monaco</li> <li>Switzerland</li> <li>Liechtenstein</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Austria</li> <li>Germany</li> <li>Slovenia</li> </ul>
	<b>Why do oceans matter?</b>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>coral bleaching</li> <li>microplastics</li> <li>acidification</li> <li>overfishing</li> <li>Marine Protected Area</li> <li>single-use plastic</li> <li>re-purpose</li> <li>plastic pollution</li> <li>disposable</li> <li>policy</li> <li>biodegradable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ocean current</li> <li>buffer</li> <li>coral reef</li> <li>marine</li> <li>erosion</li> <li>decompose</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Great Barrier Reef</li> <li>Australia</li> <li>Japan</li> <li>South Korea</li> <li>USA</li> <li>Thailand</li> <li>India</li> </ul>	
<b>Mapping</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>land height</li> <li>sea level</li> <li>thematic map</li> <li>aerial map</li> <li>digital map</li> <li>time zone</li> </ul>	<b>Would you like to live in the desert?</b>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>airstrip</li> <li>national park</li> <li>nature reserve</li> <li>tourist attraction</li> <li>military</li> <li>ranching</li> <li>agriculture</li> <li>desertification</li> <li>flash flood</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>rainfall</li> <li>barren</li> <li>sparse</li> <li>mesa</li> <li>mushroom rock</li> <li>natural arch</li> <li>salt flat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mojave Desert</li> <li>Death Valley</li> <li>Gobi Desert</li> <li>Oleshky Sands</li> <li>Sahara Desert</li> <li>Chihuahuan Desert</li> <li>Patagonian Desert</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Antarctic Polar Desert</li> <li>Great Victoria Desert</li> <li>Nevada</li> <li>Utah</li> <li>Arizona</li> <li>Atacama Desert</li> <li>Prime/Greenwich Meridian</li> </ul>
<b>Fieldwork</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>fieldwork</li> <li>evidence</li> </ul>				



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● impact</li> <li>● landscape</li> <li>● urban planner</li> </ul>	<b>Why does population change?</b>		
<b>Mapping</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● densely populated</li> <li>● sparsely populated</li> <li>● population density</li> <li>● population distribution</li> <li>● birth rate</li> <li>● death rate</li> <li>● natural increase</li> <li>● migration</li> <li>● refugee</li> <li>● push factors</li> <li>● pull factors</li> <li>● voluntary</li> <li>● involuntary</li> <li>● air pollution</li> <li>● noise pollution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● land mass</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Singapore</li> <li>● Hong Kong</li> <li>● Bangladesh</li> <li>● Greenland</li> <li>● Iceland</li> <li>● Canada</li> <li>● Oman</li> <li>● Bulgaria</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● six-figure grid references</li> <li>● contour lines</li> </ul>	<b>Where does our energy come from?</b>		
<b>Fieldwork</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● energy source</li> <li>● hydropower</li> <li>● wind power</li> <li>● solar power</li> <li>● nuclear power</li> <li>● biofuel</li> <li>● non-renewable</li> <li>● dam</li> <li>● replenished</li> <li>● consumption</li> <li>● producer</li> <li>● headquarters</li> <li>● offshore</li> <li>● onshore</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● coal</li> <li>● natural gas</li> <li>● crude oil</li> <li>● emissions</li> <li>● ocean tide</li> <li>● regenerate</li> <li>● fossil fuel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Port of Blyth</li> <li>● Midland, Texas</li> <li>● Cities of the UK                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Glasgow</li> <li>○ Liverpool</li> <li>○ Bristol</li> <li>○ Newcastle</li> <li>○ Southampton</li> <li>○ Plymouth</li> <li>○ Leeds</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● digital technologies</li> <li>● conclusion</li> <li>● cartogram</li> <li>● Geographic Information System (GIS)</li> <li>● pie chart</li> <li>● line graph</li> <li>● live data</li> <li>● consideration</li> <li>● annotate</li> <li>● justify</li> <li>● issue</li> <li>● viewpoint</li> <li>● data collection methods</li> <li>● subjective</li> <li>● audience</li> <li>● recommendation</li> </ul>	<b>Can I carry out an independent fieldwork enquiry?</b>		
	N/A	N/A	N/A