

Geography Vocabulary

EYFS		Key Stage 1		Key Stage 2	
forwards	moving, tending, or leading to a position in front	hamlet	a small village or settlement	biome	a major global region characterised by the plants and animals that have adapted to life in a particular region
backwards	moving, tending, or leading to a position at the back	village	a small town or community, often in the country	physical features	something natural on the Earth's surface that wasn't made by people, like mountains, rivers, and forests
over	to be above in position	town	an area with streets, houses, and buildings that is larger than a village but usually smaller than a city	human features	are things like houses, roads, and bridges that have been built or created by people
under	to be below in position	city	a large and important town where many people live and work	cause	something that makes something else happen or the reason for something happening
map	a picture of a particular area of the earth or sky drawn to scale on a flat surface	population	the total number of people living in a country, city, or other area	effect	an effect is what happens because of something else. It's the result or consequence of a cause
route	a particular way of getting from one place to another	compass	an instrument for showing direction	environment	is everything around us – the air, water, land, plants, animals, and even the conditions we live in
direction	information on which way to go or how to do something	river	a large natural stream of water	climate	is the average weather in a place over a long time and includes typical temperatures, rain, and snow
		sea	a body of salt water, completely or partly surrounded by land		
		ocean	the vast body of water covering about three quarters of the earth's surface		

Topic-Specific Geography Vocabulary

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
maps	autumn	continent	magma	mountainous	fauna	developed
same	winter	navigate	crater	mouth	flora	developing
different	summer	north	cartographer	source	tundra	emergent
country	spring	east	hemisphere	precipitation	savanna	canopy
plants	season	south	tropic	transpiration	grassland	understory
forest	address	west	agricultural	evaporation	desert	interconnectedness
change	temperature	scale	recreational	condensation	arid	deforestation
school	capital	symbols	industrial	basin	adaptation	indigenous
playground	location	island	commercial	topography	haulage	disperse