



Geography Vocabulary List

Year 1		
What is it like here?	What is the weather like in the UK?	What is it like to live in Shanghai?
aerial photograph aerial view atlas city country directional language distance features globe improve key land locate location map north place questionnaire sea survey symbol town village	atlas autumn direction east England Europe map north Northern Ireland place Scotland season south spring summer United Kingdom Wales weather west winter	continent country different directional language e.g. near, far, next to, behind, etc. key human feature map physical feature similar symbol

Year 2		
Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?	Why is our world wonderful?	What is it like to live by the coast?
arid climate compass continent country desert Equator globe grasslands human feature ice sheet land locate map	aerial photograph capital city continent country data collection fieldwork human feature key lake land landmark locate location map	coast coastline country data collection fieldwork island harbour human feature location locate mudflat ocean physical feature pictogram

mild ocean pack ice physical feature polar rain gauge rainforest rural savannah sea temperate temperature thermometer tropical urban vegetation weather	north physical feature ocean OS map river sample sea scale symbol tally chart vegetation	pier sand dunes sea stack tally chart tourist town village
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Year 3		
Why do people live near volcanoes?	Who lives in Antarctica?	Are all settlements the same?
active volcano climate change composite volcano crust dormant volcano earthquake epicentre extinct volcano fault line fault-block mountain fertile soil fold mountain geothermal energy igneous rock index inner core outer core magma magma chamber man-made rock mantle metamorphic rock minerals natural rock negative effects	climate climate zone compass points direction drifting ice hemisphere ice sheet ice shelf iceberg lines of latitude lines of longitude treaty	agricultural land capital city commercial land compare country border county dispersed facilities land use legend linear local memorial metro monument nucleated place of worship recreational land region residential land settlement transportation

plate boundary positive effects pyroclastic flow sedimentary rock seismic waves shield volcano tectonic plate tsunami vent volcanic mountain volcanic springs		
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Year 4		
Why are rainforests important to us?	Where does our food come from?	What are rivers and how are they used?
air freight carbon footprint consume distribution export fertiliser food bank food miles grant import pesticides produce qualitative quantitative reliability responsible trade sample size scale bar seasonal food source sustainability trade trend	analyse biome buttress roots canopy layer community data deforestation drought emergent layer enquiry Equator forest floor global warming greenhouse gas indigenous peoples interpret lianas lines of latitude logging method mining present questionnaire quote risk route summarise Tropic of Capricorn Tropic of Cancer understorey layer vegetation	condensation delta estuary evaporation flooding floodplain groundwater irrigation leisure meander oxbow lake percolation precipitation river mouth source transpiration tributary valley water cycle waterfall

	vegetation belts	
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Year 5		
What is life like in the Alps?	Why do oceans matter?	Would you like to live in the desert?
atlas climate climate change coniferous trees data deciduous trees enquiry fold mountain glacier hemisphere human feature land height latitude leisure longitude method mountain climate mountain range OS map physical feature population questionnaire sea level recreational land use risk route scale temperate temperate forest tourism tourist vegetation	atmosphere biodegradable buffer coral bleaching coral reef decompose digital map disposable ecology ecosystem erosion geology habitat human footprint marine microplastics natural disaster ocean current policy renewable energy single use plastic species water cycle	agriculture airstrip arid barren biome climate desert desertification drought flash flood mesa mining mushroom rock national park natural arch nature reserve rainfall ranching renewable energy salt flat sand dune sparse time zone tourist attraction vegetation weather

Year 6		
Why does population change?	Where does our energy come from?	Can I carry out an independent fieldwork enquiry?
air pollution birth rate cartogram	biofuel coal consumption	analyse audience city

climate climate change conclusions death rate deforestation densely populated digital technologies fossil fuels greenhouse gases impact improvements involuntary Likert scale migrants migration natural increase noise pollution population population density population distribution pull factors push factors qualitative quantitative refugee region sparsely populated voluntary	contour line crude oil dam emissions energy source hydropower natural gas non-renewable nuclear power Prime Meridian producer regenerate renewable replenish sea level solar power time zone urban planner windpower six-figure grid reference	data data collection methods enquiry evidence impact improvement issue justify plot presenting process recommendation region risk route subjective viewpoint
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