



Geography vocabulary progression

	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Climate and weather	Change, chart, cloud, cold, cool, forecast, hail, hot, rain, rainbow, season, shower, sky, sleet, snow, spring, sun, symbol, warm, weather, wind, winter (P&R)	Autumn, cold, fog, hail, ice, rain, season, snow, spring, storm, summer, sun, weather, wind, winter (BLBC)	Autumn, climate, cloud, cold, dry season, hot, mild, rain, season, snow, spring, summer, sun, temperate, temperature, weather, weather pattern, wet season, wind, winter (LETW)	Climate, climate zone, pattern, seasonal weather, weather (OPOW)	Climate, climate zone, contrasting climate, desert, equator, Mediterranean, polar, summer, temperate, temperature, tropical, weather, winter (IV)	Climate zone, cold, desert, frost, humidity, Mediterranean, polar, rainfall, season, temperate, tropical, warm, wet (SGF)	Climate change, cyclone, drought, extreme temperature, extreme weather event, flood, heatwave, hurricane, landslide, sandstorm, severe storm, typhoon, wildfire (OCW) Diet, insulate, lifestyle, nomadic, settlement, transport (FK)
Compare and contrast	Australia, country, difference, Ethiopia, festival, food, Spain, tradition, tradition, United Kingdom (S&S)	Different, same (OWW) Compare, geographical feature (BLBC)	Characteristic, climate, compare, difference, England, landscape, lifestyle, location, population, season, similarity, size, Somalia (LETW)	Difference, geographical feature, human feature, physical feature, similarity (OPOW) Classify, compare (RRaR)	Altitude, bog, delta, downstream, elevation, estuary, floodplain, flow, gully, interlocking spur, lake, meander, mountain, mouth, oxbow lake, physical feature, rill, river, riverbed, source, spring, stream, tributary, V-shaped valley, waterfall (MMWR)	Compare, continent, human geography, life expectancy, literacy rate, population, population density, religion, wealth (IOW) Compare, difference, identify, similarity (SGF)	Climate, climate zone, hemisphere, human, human feature, physical feature, polar, precipitation, season, summer, topography, vegetation, wildlife, winter (FK)

Data analysis		Collect, data, information (OWW) Collect (BLBC)	Compare, information, table (LETW) Compare, difference, explore, similarity (CL)	Analyse, city, data, first hand observation, frequency, geographical, interpret, investigation, pattern, primary data, road user, score, table, tally, total, town, village (OPOW)	Cause, compare, effect, human, identity, map, measure, physical, record, report, research (MMWR)	Data, demographic, economic, interpret (IOW) Calculate, compare, conclude, data, evidence, hypothesis, measure, research, summarise (SGF)	Analyse, collate, conclusion, data, data collection, developing country, factsheet, findings, Global climate risk index, graph, improvement, interviewee, locality, poverty, ranking, report, survey, survey data, traffic data (OCW)
Environment	Environment, harm, litter, protect, recycle, wildlife (OTB)	Improve, litter, pollution (SD)		Climate, climate zone, desert, Mediterranean, polar, temperate, tropical (OPOW)	Altitude, altitudinal zone, climate, forest, glacier, habitat, landscape, oxygen, rainforest, tundra (MMWR)	Animal, aquatic biome, biodiversity, biome, boreal forest, climate, climate zone, desert, desert biome, ecosystem, environment, forest, forest biome, freshwater, grassland, grassland biome, ice sheet, landscape, marine, Mediterranean, mountain, plant, polar, rainfall, savannah, season, taiga, temperate, temperate forest, temperate grassland, temperature, tropical,	Alpine tundra, aquatic biome, Arctic tundra, atmosphere, biome, burning fossil fuels, carbon dioxide, climate, climate change, climate zone, deforestation, desert biome, extreme weather, forest biome, freshwater, global warming, grassland biome, greenhouse effect, habitat destruction, human activity, interconnection, marine region, overpopulation, population, rearing livestock, savannah, temperate grassland,

						tropical forest, tundra, tundra biome, vegetation, vegetation belt, weather conditions (IOW) Climate zone, desert, feature, humidity, Mediterranean, polar, rainfall, season, temperate, temperature, tropical (SGF)	tundra biome, weather conditions, weather pattern (OCW) Carbon footprint, climate, climate change, deforestation, drought, extinction, extreme weather, flood, fossil fuels, global warming, greenhouse effect, population, recycle, reduce, renewable, reuse and sustainable (FK)
Fieldwork	Collect, count, investigate, observe, photograph, visit (OTB) Community, explore, photograph, school community, walk (MAMC)	Enquiry, fieldwork, human feature, local area, physical feature, record (OWW) Human feature, observe, record (BLBC) Compare, data, label, observe, record, sketch (SD)	Conclusion, data, data collection, enquiry, feature, fieldwork, geographical data, graph, human feature, improve, local area, locality, observation, population, record, table, tally, tally chart, visitor, weather (LETW) Collect, human feature, observe, physical feature, record (CL)	Data collection, enquiry, evidence, fieldwork, locality, observe, primary data, sketch map (OPOW) Account, data, fact (RRaR)	Chart, conclusion, data collection, enquiry, evidence, fieldwork, graph, hypothesis, improve, interpret, investigation, local area, present, survey, table (IW)	Data, investigate, observe, question, survey, visit (SGF) Describe, identify, investigate, observe (GG)	Aerial photograph, conclusion, data collection, enquiry, evidence, fieldwork, geographical enquiry, local area, locality, observation, pattern, report, sketch map (OCW) Analyse, collect, compare, data, enquiry, research (FK)

Geographical change		Cause, change, effect, land use (CH) Change, land use, locality (SD)	Erosion, past, present (CL)	Continental drift, Earth's crust, earthquake, fault, land mass, mountain, Pangea, plate boundary, supercontinent, tectonic plate, valley, volcano (OPOW) Active, continental drift, convergent, crust, divergent, dormant, extinct, long term effect, mantle, movement, Pangaea, plate boundary, short term effect, tectonic plate, transform (RraR)	Delta, deposition, erosion, floodplain, flow, landscape, meander, rock, sediment, soil, transportation, water, waterfall, wind (MMWR)	Change over time, industrial growth, population growth, settlement hierarchy (IOW)	Animal, litter, plant, pollution, protect, tourism, vandalism (FK)
Geographical resources		Aerial photograph, bird's eye view (OWW) Aerial photograph (BLBC)	Aerial photograph (CL)	Atlas, key, map, symbol, world map (OPOW) Data, map (RraR)	Barrier, boundary, geographical feature, map, topography (I)	Map, Ordnance Survey Explorer map, Ordnance Survey map, time zones map (IOW) Aerial photograph, atlas, map, satellite map (GG)	Atlas, large scale map, Ordnance Survey Explore map, scale, scale bar, scale ratio, small scale map (OCW) Map, satellite map (FK)

					Atlas, map, Ordnance Survey map, sample, sampling, satellite map, topography (MMWR)		
Human features and landmarks	Building, bus, car, community, house, landmark, park, road, school, shop, street (MAMC)	Castle, cathedral, church, concert hall, Ferris wheel, landmark, monument, palace, skyscraper (BLBC)	Abbey, amusement arcade, bridge, café, harbour, hotel, landmark, lifeboat station, museum, park, shop, statue, street, town, youth hostel (CL)	Cursus, earthwork, henge, long barrow, monument, stone circle (TTA) Aqueduct, bridge, canal, castle, cathedral, city, house, human feature, lighthouse, monument, motorway, motorway system, national railway, port, road, statue, tunnel, village (OPOW)	Airport, city, ferry interchange, human feature, interconnection, National Rail network, principal route, railway station, town, train, transport link, human feature (IW)	Airport, A road, B road, canal, city, ferry terminal, motorway, rail, road, town, transport link, transport network (IOW) Cargo, dock, plantation, shop, supermarket, transport, transportation (SGF)	Church, city, farm, indigenous, industry, mosque, population, rural, settlement, urban (M) Customer service, farming, fishing, industry, manufacturing, mining, occupation, quarrying, retail, tourism, transportation (OCW) Home, indigenous, nomadic, population, settlement, tradition, village (FK)
Location	Beach, cliff, equator, globe, map, rock pool,	Cold place, continent, equator, hot place, Northern	Country, equator, globe, Northern Hemisphere, South	Coordinate, degree, distance, east, equator,	Degrees, equator, line of latitude, mangrove, north,	Degree, GMT, Greenwich Mean Time, line of	Antarctic circle, arctic circle, equator, geographical feature,

	<p>sea, seashore (OTB)</p> <p>Antarctic, Arctic, blubber, cold, cold place, feather, fur, globe, icy, mountain, Mount Everest, North Pole, snowy, United Kingdom, weather, winter, world (WW)</p>	<p>Hemisphere, North Pole, Southern Hemisphere, South Pole (OWW)</p>	<p>Pole, world map (LETW)</p>	<p>globe, latitude, location, longitude, north, Northern Hemisphere, North Pole, south, Southern Hemisphere, South Pole, west (OPOW)</p> <p>Degree, equator, latitude, location, longitude, North Pole, Prime Meridian, South Pole (RRaR)</p>	<p>Northern Hemisphere, rainforest, south, Southern Hemisphere, rainforest, south, Southern Hemisphere, Tropic of Cancer, Tropic of Capricorn, tropics (IW)</p>	<p>longitude, meridian, North Pole, Prime Meridian, South Pole, time zone (IOW)</p>	<p>globe, GMT, Greenwich Mean Time, line of latitude, line of longitude, location, meridian, Northern Hemisphere, North Pole, Prime Meridian, Southern Hemisphere, South Pole, time zone, Tropic of Cancer, Tropic of Capricorn (OCW)</p> <p>Antarctic Circle, Arctic Circle, degree, equator, latitude, location, longitude, Northern Hemisphere, North Pole, polar day, polar night, Prime Meridian, Southern Hemisphere, South Pole, Tropic of Cancer, Tropic of Capricorn (FK)</p>
Maps	<p>Across, around, instruction, journey, land, location, man-made feature, map, natural feature, over, past, route, sea,</p>	<p>Atlas, digital map, globe, key, map, Ordnance Survey map, picture map, route, symbol, world map (OWW)</p>	<p>Human feature, key, locate, map, physical feature, symbol (LETW)</p> <p>Compass, key, map, picture map, symbol (CL)</p>	<p>Easting, four-figure grid reference, grid reference, grid square, horizontal axis, human feature, location, map, northing,</p>	<p>Easting, four-figure grid reference, grid square, horizontal axis, human feature, location, marker, northing, Ordnance Survey</p>	<p>Contour line, depression, elevation, four figure grid reference, gradient, hill, mountain, Ordnance Survey map, peak, relief map, sea level, slope,</p>	<p>Contour line, easting, four-figure grid reference, geographical feature, grid reference, hill, human feature, icon, key, location, mountain, northing, Ordnance Survey map,</p>

	through, under (OTB) Aerial picture, journey, map, route (MAMC) Island, journey, location, map, route, trip (DD)	Grid map, label, picture map (BLBC) Human feature, map, physical feature, picture map, route (SD)	Key, map, symbol (MM)	Ordnance Survey, Ordnance Survey map, physical feature, vertical axis (OPOW) Degree, equator, latitude, location, longitude, North Pole, Prime Meridian, South Pole (RRaR)	map, physical feature, six-figure grid reference, vertical axis (IW) Easting, four-figure grid reference, grid reference, location, northing, six-figure grid reference (MMWR)	terrain, topography, two-dimensional representation, valley (IOW)	peak, physical feature, sea level, six grid reference, slope, symbol, topography, two-dimensional representation (OCW) Degree, globe, lines of latitude, lines of longitude, map (FK)
Natural and man-made materials				Extrusive, igneous, intrusive, metamorphic, rock, sedimentary (RRaR)	Clay, deposition, erosion, loam, rock, sand, sediment, silt, soil, transportation (MMWR)	Land, nutrient, soil (SGF)	Freshwater, ice, iceberg, natural resources, pollution, salt water, sea ice, snow (FK)
Physical features		Beach, cliff, coastline, forest, geography, hill, lake, mountain, ocean, physical feature, river, sea, soil, valley (OWW) Beach, cliff, cloud, coastline, flatland, forest, hill, island, lake, land, landscape, mountain, mudflat, natural, ocean,	Arch, bay, beach, cave, cliff, headland, sandbank, sand dune, stack (CL)	Composition, core, crust, Earth, inner core, magma, mantle, outer, state, tectonic plate, temperature, thickness (OPOW) Crust, Earth, inner core, lava, magma, mantle, outer core, pyroclastic flow, volcano (RRaR)	Antidline, base, dome face, fault-block, fold, hill, lava, magma, mountain, peak, plateau, plate boundary, range, ridge, slope, snow line, summit, syndine, tectonic plate, tree line, valley, volcanic (MMWR)	Coastline, desert, forest, grassland, highland, hill, loam, mountain, plain, rainforest, sand, silt, soil, transport links, valley (SGF)	Boreal forest, glacier, iceberg, ice field, ice shelf, mountain, tundra (FK)

		physical feature, river, sea (BLBC)					
Physical processes			Erode, erosion, material (CL)	Earthquake, epicentre, plate boundary, seismic wave, tectonic plate, tsunami, volcanic eruption (RRaR)	Change of state, cloud, collection, condensation, condense, cool, evaporate, evaporation, hall, heat, precipitation, rain, sleet, snow, temperature, water cycle (MMWR)	Climate, drainage, fertiliser (SGF)	
Position	Compass, constellation, direction, east, navigate, north, south, west (OTB) Island, journey, map, over, route, through, under (DD)	Backward, behind, beside, between, cardinal compass point, close, direction, east, far away, far from, forward, in front of, left, location, near to, next to, north, opposite, position, right, south, straight ahead, turn, west (OWW, BLBC)	Cardinal point, compass, compass point, direction, east, location, north, south, west (LETW) Cardinal point, compass, direction, east, north, south, travel, west (CL)	Cardinal compass, compass, direction, east, intercardinal point, location, north, north-east, north-west, point, south, south-east, south-west, travel, west (OPOW) Cardinal point, compass, east, intercardinal point, north, north-east, north-west, south, south-east, south- west, west (RRaR)	Cardinal compass point, cardinal directions, compass, compass rose, direction, east, features, intercardinal point, key, map, north, north-east, north- west, plotting, position, south, south-east, south- west, west (IW) Cardinal point, compass, east, grid reference, intercardinal point, location, north, north-east, north-	Cardinal compass point, compass direction, east, four- figure grid reference, grid line, human feature, intercardinal compass point, key, locality, location, map scale, map symbol, north, north-east, north- west, physical feature, residential, rural, six-figure grid reference, south, south-east, south- west, urban, west (IOW) Compass, contour line, east, grid	Coordinate, degree, east, equator, horizontally, latitude, longitude, north, Northern Hemisphere, position, Prime Meridian, south, Southern Hemisphere, vertically, west (OCW)

					west, south, south-east, south-west, west (MMWR)	reference, map symbol, north, north-east, north-west, south, south-east, south-west, west (SGF)	
Settlements and land use	Beach, seashore (OTB) Country, Earth (SN)	Car park, church, factory, house, mosque, petrol station, road, school, shop, station, supermarket, town (CH) Bus station, bus stop, car park, cathedral, church, city, cottage, farm, feature, flat, hotel, house, landmark, lane, leisure centre, library, market, museum, office, place of worship, pub, restaurant, roundabout, school, settlement, shop, shopping centre, skyscraper, theatre, town, town hall, train station, university, village,	Facility, industry, tourism, tourist (CL)	Agricultural, city, commercial, land use, recreational, residential, rural area, settlement, size, town, transportation, urban area, village (OPOW)	Aqueduct, canal, leisure, lock, recreation, towpath, transportation, tunnel (IV) Crops, energy, farming, floodplain, food, freshwater, goods, habitat, hydroelectric power, irrigate, leisure, natural resource, renewable, river, settlement, transport (MMWR)	Agriculture, allotment, arable, business, city, commercial farm, crop, farming, floriculture, forestry, housing, livestock, market garden, mixed, national park, pastoral, rural, town, urban, village, viticulture (SGF)	Crops, diverse, farming, fishing industry, language, mine, mining, natural resource, population, rural, tribe, urban (M) Commercial, energy, extract, forest, gas reserve, hydropower, mine, natural resource, oil reserve, plantation (FK)

		<p>village green, village hall (OWW)</p> <p>Airport, art gallery, capital city, cathedral, church, cinema, city, flat, house, job, landmark, large settlement, live, monument, motorway, museum, park, restaurant, river, road, school, shop, statue, street, theatre, tourist, tower block, travel, work (BLBC)</p> <p>Human feature, locality, physical feature (SD)</p>					
Significant places		Landmark, monument (BLBC)	Landmark, monument (CL) Castle, palace, residence, stately home (MM)	Ring of fire (RRaR)	Energy, farming, goods, leisure, mountain, natural resource, range, river, settlement, transport (MMWR)	Developing country, equator, South America (SCF)	China, economy, Ecuador, export, farming, fossil fuel, Germany, import, industry, manufacturing, mining, natural resource, ore, Russia, Saudi Arabia, shipping, trade (OCW)

Sustainability		Animal, bird, countryside, damage, future, grass, hedgegrow, human, insect, litter, meadow, plant, protect, shelter, shrub, tree, wildflower, wildlife, woodland (OWW)	Carbon dioxide, compost, conservation, damage, deforestation, electricity, energy, environment, gas, landfill, litter, protect, recycle, reduce, reuse, vehicle, water (LETW)	Carbon dioxide, carbon footprint, conserve, energy, global warming, livestock, organic, recycle, reduce, resource, reuse, water treatment plant (OPOW)	Bioenergy, biogas, carbon dioxide, fossil fuel, geothermal energy, hydroelectric power, non-renewable energy, renewable energy, solar panel, solar power, wind farm, wind power (IW) Bioenergy, climate change, conserve, geothermal power, hydroelectric power, natural resource, pollution, renewable, renewable energy source, save, solar power, sustainable, wind power (ESAC)	Carbon footprint, eco-friendly, hazardous substances, life cycle thinking, recycle, reduce, renewable energy, resource efficiency, reuse, sustainable manufacturing process, waste (IOW)	Agricultural runoff, biodiversity, biome, carbon footprint, clearcutting, contour strip cropping, deforestation, depletion, ecosystem, endangered species, erosion, ethical, food chain, forestry, fossil fuel, global warming, habitat, irrigation, metal ore, mining, monoculture, natural resource management, oppose, pesticide, pollution, recycle, reduce, renewable energy, reuse, selective harvesting, support, sustainable (OCW)
UK	Island, ocean, sea, UK (OTB) Forecast, globe, map, rain, raincoat, umbrella, United Kingdom (P&R)	Atlantic Ocean, Belfast, capital city, Cardiff, Celtic Sea, country, Edinburgh, England, English Channel, Irish Sea, London, Northern Ireland, North Sea, Scotland, United	Atlantic Ocean, Celtic Sea, characteristic, city, coast, coastline, country, England, English Channel, forest, grassland, highland, hill, human feature, Irish Sea, island,	Agriculture, amenity, Armagh, beach, Belfast, Birmingham, Bury St Edmunds, castle, cathedral, city, cliff, coastline, county,	Anglesey, England, forest, Grampian Mountains, Island, lake, Lake Windermere, Lindisfarne, Llyn Tegid, loch, Loch Ness, Lough Neagh, mountain, Mourne Mountains, New	Brighton, Bristol, Cardiff, distance, Exeter, London, Oxford, Reading Southampton, relative location (IOW) Climate, gradient, topography (SCF)	Circular settlement, city, compact settlement, cross shaped settlement, dispersed settlement, growth, hamlet, linear settlement, occupation, rural, settlement, T-shaped settlement, town, urban, village,

		<p>Kingdom, Wales (OWW)</p> <p>Belfast, capital city, Cardiff, country, Edinburgh, England, London, Northern Ireland, Scotland, United Kingdom, Wales (BLBC)</p>	<p>lake, landscape, lowland, marsh, moorland, mountain, Northern Ireland, North Sea, physical feature, population, river, Scotland, size, temperate climate, town, United Kingdom, valley, village, Wales (LETW)</p>	<p>Edinburgh, England, farming, fishing, football stadium, gallery, Haverfordwest, hill, human feature, industry, Inverness, Inverness-shire, Ipswich, landmark, Leeds, loch, Lowestoft, marsh, mining, monument, mountain, Newport, Northern Ireland, palace, parliament building, Pembroke, Pembrokeshire, Peninsula, physical feature, river, Scotland, service, Sheffield, St Davids, steel production, Suffolk, Tenby, tourism, tourist attraction, town,</p>	<p>forest, Northern Island, Orkney Islands, Pennines, physical feature, Portglenone Forest, Rathlin Island, river, River Bann, River Tay, River Trent, River Wye, Rothiemurchus Forest, Scotland, Snowdonia, United Kingdom, Wales, Wentwood Forest (IW)</p> <p>Climate, contour line, grid reference, landscape, leisure, mountain, peak, range, river, settlement, topography, tourism, wildlife (MMWR)</p>		<p>Y-shaped settlement (OCW)</p>
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				town hall, United Kingdom, valley, Wales, York, Yorkshire (OPOW)			
World	<p>Antarctic, Arctic, climate, cold place, coral reef, country, Earth, globe, hot place, land, ocean, Pacific Ocean, polar region, salt water, sea, Southern Ocean, tropical place, water (OTB)</p> <p>Antarctic, Arctic, cold climate, United Kingdom (WW)</p>	<p>Africa, Antarctica, Arctic Ocean, Asia, Atlantic Ocean, Australia, continent, Earth, Europe, Indian Ocean, land, North America, ocean, Pacific Ocean, South America, Southern Ocean, water, world (OWW)</p>	<p>Africa, Antarctica, area, Asia, Atlantic Ocean, atlas, Australia, chart, country, Europe, Indian Ocean, lake, map, mountain, North America, ocean, Pacific Ocean, physical feature, river, sea, South America, Southern Ocean, world continent (LETW)</p>	<p>Area, capital city, city, climate, continent, country, Europe, France, Greece, Italy, language, Northern Hemisphere, population, Romania, Russia, state, transcontinental country (OPOW)</p>	<p>Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, city, Colombia, continent, Costa Rica, country, culture, Ecuador, El Salvador, French Guiana, Greenland, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, language, Mexico, Nicaragua, North America, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, religion, South America, Suriname, The Caribbean, United States of America, Uruguay, values,</p>	<p>Africa, Argentina, Asia, Australia, Austria, Buenos Aires, Cairo, capital city, continent, country, Egypt, Europe, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, New Zealand, North America, South America, United States, Vienna, Washington DC, Wellington, world (IOW)</p>	<p>Alliance, British Commonwealth of Nations, world (BAW)</p>

					Venezuela, world (IV) Africa, Asia, Australia, continent, country, Europe, North America, South America (MMWR)		
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