

Geography vocabulary ladder

In year...	I need to understand and use the following vocabulary when describing a location or geographical feature.
Year 6	Recap and be confident in using all vocabulary covered in previous years.
Year 5	Describe and understand key aspects of human and physical geography. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • latitude, longitude, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian. • Key vocabulary related to rivers: flood, valley, source, meanders, waterfalls, tributaries and mouth • The water cycle: Evaporation, condensation, precipitation, collection, surface run-off • Climate zones: tropical, subtropics, temperate, cold • Biomes: Aquatic, grassland, forest, desert, tundra • Vegetation belts.
Year 4	Describe key aspects of physical and human geography using appropriate vocabulary related to features studied: mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes. Including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summit, slope, valley, gorge, tectonic plates, mountain range, fold mountain, base, snow line, ridge, tree line. • Core, mantle, crust • Plates, plate boundary, fault line, tsunami, Pacific ocean, Richter magnitude scale • Hot spots, molten rock, pyroclastic flows, ash clouds, volcanic bombs, magma, volcano, active, crater, lava, eruption, extinct, dormant, vent • Time zones
Year 3	Describe key aspects of physical and human geography using appropriate vocabulary related to features studied. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County • Geographical region • Northern hemisphere • Southern hemisphere
Year 2	Key vocabulary linked to physical and human geography linked to: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coast - beach, cliff, coast, sea, ocean, river, harbor • Inland - forest, hill, mountain, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, and shop • Oceans - Arctic, Atlantic, Indian, Pacific, Southern • Landmarks • Plan perspective • Human and physical features • Capital city • London, Edinburgh, Cardiff, Belfast
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • beach, forest, hill, mountain, ocean, river, season, weather, city, town, village, shop • Equator • North Pole • South Pole • Continents • Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Europe, Australia (Oceania) • England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland • Seasons • Aerial photograph