

Vocabulary progression in geography

Words in black are new words, words in red have been taught previously.

Highlighted words are taken directly from the KS1 National Curriculum. N.B. Although there is no explicit list for KS2, this vocabulary list includes all words mentioned in the KS2 curriculum.

Children in all classes should all also be taught the core concepts/vocabulary outlined in the history core concept definition document.

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Africa	Bolsover	active (volcano)	Antarctic circle
atlas	campsite	borough	Antarctica
Autumn	Chesterfield	campsite (OS)	Arctic
big	camp site (OS)	Brazil	arid
brick	city	canal	biomes
cartography	climate	cartography	canyon
church	continent	continent	capital
city	country	Chesterfield	capsize
cloud	county	city	climate
cloudy	Derby	climate	coalfield
cold	Derbyshire	culture	coast
Continent	East	Derbyshire	colliery
cottage	England	destination	confluence
country/ies	Equator	disaster	county
Derbyshire	factory	dormant	crevasse
detached	forest	empire	currency
Equator	harbour	Equator	Davy lamp
far	hill	eruption	diverse
farm	human features	Europe	erosion
flats	information (OS)	extinct	floodplain
geography	island	Fairtrade	fossil fuel
globe	lakes	hills	glacier
hot	landmark	human features	groundwater
house	mountains	information centre (OS)	horizon
left	North	latitude	ice cap
map	Northern Ireland	leisure	iceberg
near	ocean	locality	industrial revolution
new	office	longitude	landform
North pole	parking (OS)	market town	landscape
old	physical features	mega city	meander
park	picnic areas (OS)	mountains	mouth
poor	pier	museum (OS)	natural gas
post box	place of worship (OS)	neighbouring	non-renewable energy
pub	port	ordnance survey map	North America
raining	post office (OS)	physical features	pack ice
rich	river	picnic area (OS)	president
right	school	place of historical interest (OS)	Prime/Greenwich Meridian
Scarcliffe	Scotland	place of worship (OS)	renewable energy
school	sea	rainforest	riverbank
season	shop	recreation (OS)	riverbed

semi detached	soil	rural	rivers
settlements	South	school (OS)	source
snow	town	South America	Southern Hemisphere
South pole	valley	suburban	state
Spring	vegetation	town	strike
stone	village	town hall (OS)	temperate
Summer	Wales	trade	terrain
sunny	walks or trails (OS)	Tropic of Cancer	time zones
sunshine	West	Tropic of Capricorn	transportation
symbol		tropical	tributary
telephone box		urban	tropical
temperature		village	urbanisation
terraced			vegetation belts
thermometer			
thunder			
town			
United Kingdom			
village			
weather			
windy			
Winter			
woods			
world			