Component progression

Geography – key themes

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Human features a	nd landmarks						
Human features	Human features	Human features	Human features	Services include		Transport	The distribution
of the	are man-made	are man-made	are man-made	banks, post		networks can be	of and access to
immediate	and include	and include	and include	offices,		tangible, such as	natural
environment	houses, shops,	factories, farms,	castles, towers,	hospitals, public		rails, roads or	resources,
include the	buildings,	houses, offices,	schools,	transport and		canals, or	cultural
school, the	offices, parks,	ports, harbours	hospitals,	garages. Land		intangible, such	influences and
playground,	streets and	and shops.	bridges, shops,	use types		as air and sea	economic
streets and	places of	Landmarks and	tunnels,	include leisure,		corridors. These	activity are
houses. Notice	worship. Name	monuments are	monuments,	housing,		networks link	significant
and begin to	and talk about	features of a	airports and	industry,		places together	factors in
name different	man-made	landscape, city	roads. People	transport and		and allow for the	community life
man-made	features in the	or town that are	use human	agriculture.		movement of	in a settlement.
features in the	local	easily seen and	features in	Describe the		people and	Explain how
immediate	environment,	recognised from	different ways.	type, purpose		goods. Transport	humans function
environment,	including shops,	a distance. They	Use	and use of		networks are	in the place they
including the	houses, streets	also help	geographical	different		usually built	live.
school grounds,	and parks.	someone to	vocabulary to	buildings,		where there is a	
local streets and		establish and	describe how	monuments,		high demand for	
the place they		describe a	and why people	services and		the movement	
live.		location. Name	use a range of	land, and		of people or	
		and describe the	human features.	identify reasons		goods. They run	
		purpose of		for their		between places	
		human features		location.		where journeys	
		and landmarks.				start or finish,	
						such as airports,	
						bus stations,	
						ferry terminals	
						or railway	

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						stations.	
						Describe and	
						explain the	
						location,	
						purpose and use	
						of transport	
						networks across	
						the UK and	
						other parts of	
						the world.	
Let's Explore	Me and my	Bright lights, big	Coastline	Through the		Sow, grow and	Maafa
	community	city		ages		farm	

ultural land in the UK resources include food, minerals (aluminium, sandstone and oil) energy sources (water, coal and gas) and water. Describe the distribution of natural resources in an area or country. Tables and ors. A wide by of crops irmed in K, such as t, barley, potatoes, and ed rape. A variety of
ring cro ral tock) a d (arab astora otmen piece used to fruit, ables a rs. A w cy of cr rmed K, such t, bark potato ables, and ed rape

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						cattle, poultry and pigs. Describe in detail the different types of agricultural land use in the UK.	
Need to assign	Sunshine and Sunflowers	Bright lights, big city	Coastline	Through the ages	Misty mountain, winding river (Assign Ancient civilizations)	Allotment Sow, grow and farm	Maafa (Need to assign)

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Climate and weath	ner						
Changes in the	There are four	There are four	A weather	Excessive	Climatic	Changes to the	Climate and
local	seasons in the	seasons in the	pattern is a type	precipitation	variation	weather and	extreme
environment,	United Kingdom:	UK: spring,	of weather that	includes	describes the	climate	weather can
such as leaves	spring, summer,	summer,	is repeated.	thunderstorms,	changes in	(temperature,	affect the size
changing colour	autumn and	autumn and	Describe simple	downbursts,	weather	weather	and nature of
or the number	winter. Each	winter. Each	weather	tornadoes,	patterns or the	patterns and	settlements,
of people	season has	season has	patterns of hot	waterspouts,	average weather	precipitation)	shelters and
outside, occur	typical weather	typical weather	and cold places.	tropical	conditions of a	can affect land	buildings, diet,
with the passing	patterns. Record	patterns. Types		cyclones,	country or	use. Farmers	lifestyle (settled
of the seasons.	observations	of weather		extratropical	continent.	living in different	or nomadic),
Notice ways that	about the way	include sun, rain,		cyclones,	Explain climatic	countries adapt	jobs, clothing,
the local	the local	wind, snow, fog,		blizzards and ice	variations of a	their farming	transport and
environment	environment	hail and sleet. In		storms. Explain	country or	practices to suit	transportation
changes during	changes	the United		how the	continent.	their local	links and the
different	throughout each	Kingdom, the		weather affects		climate and	availability of
seasons.	season.	length of the day		the use of urban		landscape.	natural
		varies		and rural		Explain how the	resources.
		depending on		environments.		climate affects	Evaluate the
		the season. In				land use.	extent to which
		winter, the days					climate and
		are shorter. In					extreme
		summer, the					weather affect
		days are longer.					how people live.
		Symbols are					
		used to show					
		different types					
		of weather.					
		Identify patterns					
		in daily and					
		seasonal					
		weather.					

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Signs of spring	Signs of spring	Bright lights, big city	Need to assign	Need to assign	Need to assign	Sow, grow and farm (assign to allotment)	Need to assign

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Physical processes							
Wind and rain can affect the local environment in different ways. The wind can blow trees down and heavy rain can cause flooding. Notice how the wind and rain can affect the local environment.	All types of weather can affect the environment and how we use it. For example, on sunny days, people might go to the park or the coastline. On cold, icy days, roads and rivers can be frozen. Describe how different types of weather affect the local environment.	Weather is a physical process. Describe in simple terms how a physical process or human behaviour has affected an area, place or human activity.	Erosion is a physical process that involves the weathering and movement of natural materials, such as rock, sand and soil. Erosion is caused by wind and water, including waves, floods, rivers and rainfall. Describe, in simple terms, the effects of erosion.	Volcanic eruptions and earthquakes happen when two tectonic plates push into each other, pull apart from one another or slide alongside each other. The centre of an earthquake is called the epicentre. Explain the physical processes that cause earthquakes and volcanic eruptions.	Water cannot be made. It is constantly recycled through a process called the water cycle. The four stages of the water cycle are evaporation, condensation, precipitation and collection. During the water cycle, water changes state due to heating and cooling. Use specific geographical vocabulary and diagrams to explain the water cycle.	Soil fertility, drainage and climate influence the placement and success of agricultural land. Describe how soil fertility, drainage and climate affect agricultural land use.	Physical processes that can affect a landscape include erosion by wind, water or ice; the deposition of stone and silt by water and ice; land movement, such as landslides and tectonic activity, such as earthquakes or volcanic eruptions. Describe the physical processes, including weather, that affect two different locations.
Assign	Puddles and rainbows	Assign	Coastline	Rocks, relics and rumbles	Misty mountain, windy river	Allotment Sow, grow and farm	Assign

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Geographical reso	urces						
Identify simple geographical features in a photograph.	Maps and photographs can be used to show key features of the local environment. Use photographs and maps to identify and describe human and physical features from their locality.	An aerial photograph or plan perspective shows an area of land from above. Identify features and landmarks on an aerial photograph or plan perspective.	An aerial photograph can be vertical (an image taken directly from above) or oblique (an image taken from above and to the side). Study aerial photographs to describe the features and characteristics of an area of land.	Maps, globes and digital mapping tools can help to locate and describe significant geographical features. Analyse maps, atlases and globes, including digital mapping, to locate countries and describe features studied.	An atlas is a collection of maps and information that shows geographical features, topography, boundaries, climatic, social and economic statistics of an area. Study and draw conclusions about places and geographical features using a range of geographical resources, including maps, atlases, globes and digital mapping.	Aerial photography is used in cartography, land-use planning and environmental studies. It can be used alongside maps to find out detailed information about a place, or places. Analyse and compare a place, or places, using aerial photographs. atlases and maps.	Satellite images are photographs of Earth taken by imaging satellites. Use satellite imaging and maps of different scales to find out geographical information about a place.
Assign	Sunshine and sunflowers	Bright lights, big city Assign: PCW & Moon zoom	Coastline	Assign	Misty mountain, winding river Invasion	Ground breaking Greeks	Assign

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Data analysis							
Use small world toys, such as cars and model houses, to represent data from the locality	Geographical information can be collected by using simple tally charts and pictograms. Begin to collect simple geographical data during fieldwork activities.	Data is information that can be collected and used to answer a geographical question. Collect simple data during fieldwork activities.	Data can be recorded in different ways, including tables, charts and pictograms. Collect and organise simple data in charts and tables from primary sources (fieldwork and observation) and secondary sources (maps and books).	Primary data includes information gathered by observation and investigation. Analyse primary data, identifying any patterns observed.	Fieldwork techniques, such as sketch maps, data collection and digital technologies, can provide evidence to support and answer a geographical hypothesis. Investigate a geographical hypothesis using a range of fieldwork techniques.	A geographical enquiry can help us to understand the physical geography (rivers, coasts, weather and rocks) or human geography (population changes, migration, land use, changes to inner city, urbanisation, developments and tourism) of an area and the impacts on the surrounding environment. Construct or carry out a geographical enquiry by gathering and analysing a range of sources.	Representing, analysing, concluding, communicating, reflecting and responding are helpful strategies to answer geographical questions. Ask and answer geographical questions and hypotheses using a range of fieldwork and research techniques.
Assign	Sunshine and sunflowers	Assign	Coastline	Assign	Assign	Allotment	Assign A child's war

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						Sow, grow and	
						Farm	
						(Assign Ground	
						breaking Greeks)	

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Fieldwork							
Take part in	Fieldwork	Fieldwork	Fieldwork can	The term	Fieldwork	A geographical	Representing,
simple fieldwork	includes going	includes going	help to answer	geographical	techniques, such	enquiry can help	analysing,
activities, such	on walks and	out in the	questions about	evidence relates	as sketch maps,	us to understand	concluding,
as helping to	visits to collect	environment to	the local	to facts,	data collection	the physical	communicating,
take	information	look, ask	environment	information and	and digital	geography	reflecting and
photographs or	about the	questions, take	and can include	numerical data.	technologies,	(rivers, coasts,	responding are
recording simple	environment.	photographs,	observing or	Gather evidence	can provide	weather and	helpful
data.	Take	take	measuring,	to answer a	evidence to	rocks) or human	strategies to
	photographs,	measurements	identifying or	geographical	support and	geography	answer
	draw simple	and collect	classifying and	question or	answer a	(population	geographical
	picture maps	samples. Carry	recording. Ask	enquiry.	geographical	changes,	questions. Ask
	and collect	out fieldwork	and answer		hypothesis.	migration, land	and answer
	simple data	tasks to identify	simple		Investigate a	use, changes to	geographical
	during fieldwork	characteristics of	geographical		geographical	inner city,	questions and
	activities.	the school	questions		hypothesis using	urbanisation,	hypotheses
		grounds or	through		a range of	developments	using a range of
		locality.	observation or		fieldwork	and tourism) of	fieldwork and
			simple data		techniques.	an area and the	research
			collection during			impacts on the	techniques.
			fieldwork			surrounding	
			activities.			environment.	
						Construct or	
						carry out a	
						geographical	
						enquiry by	
						gathering and	
						analysing a	
						range of	
						sources.	

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Assign (Let's explore/signs of spring)	Me and my community/let's explore	Bright lights, big city	Coastline (Wiggle & crawl/The scented garden)	Assign (Rocks, relics & rumbles)	Assign	Allotment Sow, grow & farm	Assign (A child's war)

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Natural and man-r	nade materials						
Some materials	Natural	A material is	Materials found	There are three	Rivers transport	The topography	The polar oceans
are natural and	materials	something used	in the	main types of	materials in four	of an area	are significantly
others are man-	include wood,	to build or make	environment can	rock found in	ways. Solution is	intended for	colder than
made. Notice	stone and sand.	something else.	be natural (rock,	the Earth's crust.	when minerals	agricultural	other world
natural and	Man-made	Natural	stone, water,	They are	are dissolved	purposes is an	oceans. This
man-made	materials	materials are	sand, soil, water	sedimentary,	and carried in	important	influences the
materials in the	include metal,	dug out of the	and clay) and	igneous and	the water.	consideration. In	presence of sea
environment.	plastic, glass and	ground, grown	man-made	metamorphic.	Suspension is	particular, the	ice, glaciers and
	fabric. Materials	or taken from a	(brick, glass,	Sedimentary	when fine, light	topographical	icebergs. Explain
	can be used to	living thing.	plastic and	rocks are made	material is	slope or gradient	how the
	build and make	Man-made	concrete).	from sediment	carried. Saltation	plays a large	presence of ice
	things. Name	materials are	Natural and	that settles in	is when small	part in	makes the polar
	some natural	often made from	man-made	water and	pebbles and	controlling	oceans different
	and man-made	natural materials	materials are	becomes	stones are	hydrology	to other oceans
	materials in the	but have been	used to make	squashed over a	carried along the	(water) and	on Earth.
	environment.	changed to have	human features.	long time to	riverbed.	potential soil	
		different	Describe the	form rock. They	Traction is when	erosion. Explain	
		properties.	properties of	are often soft,	large boulders	how the	
		Identify natural	natural and	permeable, have	and rocks are	topography and	
		and man-made	man-made	layers and may	rolled along the	soil type affect	
		materials in the	materials and	contain fossils.	riverbed.	the location of	
		environment.	where they are	Igneous rocks	Describe and	different	
			found in the	are made from	explain the	agricultural	
			environment.	cooled magma	transportation	regions.	
				or lava. They are	of materials by		
				usually hard,	rivers.		
				shiny and	Different types		
				contain visible	of soil include		
				crystals.	clay, sandy, silty		
				Metamorphic	and loamy.		
				rocks are formed	Describe the		

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				when existing	properties of		
				rocks are heated	different types		
				by the magma	of soil.		
				under the			
				Earth's crust or			
				squashed by the			
				movement of			
				the Earth's			
				tectonic plates.			
				They are usually			
				very hard and			
				often shiny.			
				Name and			
				describe the			
				types,			
				appearance and			
				properties of			
				rocks.			
Assign	Assign	Assign	Assign	Rocks, relics &	Misty mountain,	Sow, grow and	Assign
				rumbles	winding river	farm	
				Through the			
				ages			

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Physical features							
Common	Large physical	Physical features	A physical	A volcano is an	Mountains form	North America is	The Arctic is a
physical features	features include	are naturally-	feature is one	opening in the	over millions of	broadly	sea of ice
include fields,	rivers,	created features	that forms	Earth's surface	years. They are	categorised into	surrounded by
rivers and hills.	mountains,	of the Earth. Use	naturally, and	from which gas,	made when the	six major	land and located
Name some	oceans and the	basic	can change over	hot magma and	Earth's tectonic	biomes: tundra,	at the highest
physical features	coastline. Name	geographical	time due to	ash can escape.	plates push	coniferous	latitudes of the
in the	some common	vocabulary to	weather and	They are usually	together or	forest,	Northern
immediate	physical features	identify and	other forces.	found at	move apart.	grasslands	Hemisphere. It
environment	in the locality	describe physical	Describe the	meeting points	Mountains are	(prairie),	extends over the
	and beyond.	features, such as	size, location	of the Earth's	also formed	deciduous	countries that
		beach, cliff,	and position of a	tectonic plates.	when magma	forest, desert	border the Arctic
		coast, forest,	physical feature,	When a volcano	underneath the	and tropical	Ocean, including
		hill, mountain,	such as beach,	erupts, liquid	Earth's crust	rainforest. South	Canada, the
		sea, ocean, river,	cliff, coast,	magma collects	pushes large	America has a	USA, Denmark,
		soil, valley and	forest, hill,	in an	areas of land	vast variety of	Russia, Norway
		vegetation.	mountain, sea,	underground	upwards. There	biomes,	and Iceland.
			ocean, river, soil,	magma	are five types of	including desert,	Antarctica is a
			valley and	chamber. The	mountain: fold,	alpine,	continent
			vegetation.	magma pushes	fault-block,	rainforest and	located in the
				through a crack	volcanic, dome	grasslands.	Southern
				called a vent and	and plateau.	Identify and	Hemisphere.
				bursts out onto	Identify,	describe some	Antarctica does
				the Earth's	describe and	key physical	not belong to
				surface. Lava,	explain the	features and	any country.
				hot ash and	formation of	environmental	Physical features
				mudslides from	different	regions of North	typical of the
				volcanic	mountain types.	and South	Arctic and
				eruptions can		America and	Antarctic regions
				cause severe		explain how	include glaciers,
				damage.		these, along	icebergs, ice
				Describe the		with the climate	caps, ice sheets,

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				parts of a		zones and soil	ice shelves and
				volcano or		types, can affect	sea ice. Compare
				earthquake.		land use.	and describe
							physical features
				The Earth is			of polar
				made of four			landscapes.
				different layers.			
				The inner core is			
				made mostly of			
				hot, solid iron			
				and nickel, and			
				the outer core is			
				made of liquid			
				iron and nickel.			
				The mantle is			
				made of solid			
				rock and molten			
				rock called			
				magma. The			
				crust is a thin			
				layer of solid			
				rock that is			
				broken into			
				large pieces			
				called tectonic			
				plates. These			
				pieces move			
				very slowly			
				across the			
				mantle. Name			
				and describe			
				properties of the			

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				Earth's four			
				layers.			
Assign	Assign	Moon zoom	Coastline	Rocks, relics and	Misty mountain,	Allotment	Assign
		Bright lights, big		rumbles	winding river	Sow, grow and	
		city				farm	

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Environment							
It is everybody's	Litter has a	Litter and	The local	The Earth has	Altitudinal	The Earth has	Climate change
responsibility to	harmful effect	pollution have a	environment can	five climate	zonation	five climate	is the long-term
look after the	on the areas	harmful effect	be improved by	zones: desert,	describes the	zones: desert,	change in
environment.	where we live,	on the areas	picking up litter,	Mediterranean,	different	Mediterranean,	expected
Show care for	work and play.	where we live,	planting flowers	polar, temperate	climates and	polar, temperate	patterns of
living things and	People need to	work and play.	and improving	and tropical.	types of wildlife	and tropical.	weather that
the	put their rubbish	Describe how	amenities.	Identify the five	at different	Mountains have	contributes to
environment.	into the bin and	pollution and	Describe ways to	major climate	altitudes on	variable climates	the melting of
	not throw it on	litter affect the	improve the	zones on Earth.	mountains.	depending on	polar ice caps,
	the ground.	local	local		Examples	altitude. A	rising sea levels
	Describe ways to	environment	environment.		include forests	biome is a large	and extreme
	look after the	and school			that grow at low	ecological area	weather.
	immediate	grounds.			altitudes and	on the Earth's	Climate change
	environment.				support a wide	surface, such as	is caused by
					variety of plants	desert, forest,	global warming.
					and animals,	grassland,	Human activity,
					tundra that is	tundra and	such as burning
					found at higher	aquatic. Biomes	fossil fuels,
					altitudes and	are often	deforestation,
					supports plants	defined by a	habitat
					and animals that	range of factors,	destruction,
					are adapted to	such as	overpopulation
					harsher	temperature,	and rearing
					environments,	climate, relief,	livestock, all
					and the summits	geology, soils	contribute to
					of mountains,	and vegetation.	global warming.
					which are	Name and locate	Explain how
					usually covered	the world's	climate change
					in ice and snow	biomes, climate	affects climate
					and don't	zones and	zones and
					support any life.	vegetation belts	

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					Describe	and explain their	biomes across
					altitudinal	common	the world.
					zonation on	characteristics.	
					mountains.		
Assign	Animal safari?	Assign	Assign wiggle	Assign	Misty mountain,	Sow, grow and	Assign
			and crawl		winding river	farm	

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World							
The world has	Globes and	A continent is a	An ocean is a	Countries in	The North	Major cities	Geographical
lots of different	maps can show	large area of	large sea. There	Europe include	American	around the	interconnections
places. Talk	us the location	land. The world's	are five oceans	the United	continent	world include	are the ways in
about places	of different	seven continents	on our planet	Kingdom,	includes the	London in the	which people
that they have	places around	are Africa,	called the Arctic,	France, Spain,	countries of the	UK, New York in	and things are
been to or seen	the world. Begin	Antarctica, Asia,	Atlantic, Indian,	Germany, Italy	USA, Canada and	the USA,	connected.
in photographs.	to notice and	Australia,	Pacific and	and Belgium.	Mexico as well	Shanghai in	Explain
Play with globes,	talk about the	Europe, North	Southern	Russia is part of	as the Central	China, Istanbul	interconnections
observe maps	different places	America and	Oceans. Seas	both Europe and	American	in Turkey,	between two or
and listen to	around the	South America.	include the	Asia. Locate	countries of	Moscow in	more areas of
stories to	world, including	The five oceans	Black, Red and	countries and	Guatemala,	Russia, Manila in	the world.
develop an	oceans and seas.	are the Arctic	Caspian Seas.	major cities in	Honduras,	the Philippines,	
awareness of		Ocean, Atlantic	The United	Europe	Nicaragua, Costa	Lagos in Nigeria,	
other places in		Ocean, Indian	Kingdom is an	(including	Rica and	Nairobi in Kenya,	
the world.		Ocean, Pacific	island	Russia) on a	Panama. The	Baghdad in Iraq,	
		Ocean and	surrounded by	world map.	South American	Damascus in	
		Southern Ocean.	the Atlantic		continent	Syria and Mecca	
		Name and locate	Ocean, English		includes the	in Saudi Arabia.	
		the world's	Channel, Irish		countries of	Name, locate	
		seven continents	Sea and North		Brazil, Argentina,	and describe	
		and five oceans	Sea. The world's		Chile, Colombia,	major world	
		on a world map.	seven continents		Peru, Venezuela,	cities.	
			are Africa,		Uruguay,		
			Antarctica, Asia,		Ecuador, Bolivia		
			Australia,		and Paraguay.		
			Europe, North		Locate the		
			America and		countries and		
			South America.		major cities of		
			Name and locate		North, Central		
			seas surrounding		and South		
			the UK, as well		America on a		

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			as seas, the five oceans and seven continents around the world on a world map or globe.		world map, atlas or globe.		
Let's explore?	Animal safari?	Paws, claws and whiskers	Coastline	Assign	Assign Misty mountain winding river	Assign	Britain at war

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UK							
Show an interest	Identify the	The United	The	Counties of the	Significant rivers	Relative location	A geographical
in the place they	United Kingdom	Kingdom (UK) is	characteristics of	United Kingdom	of the UK	is where	pattern is the
live on a map or	on a world map	a union of four	countries	include	include the	something is	arrangement of
globe.	or globe.	countries:	include their	Derbyshire,	Thames, Severn,	found in	objects on the
		England,	size, landscape,	Sussex and	Trent, Dee,	comparison with	Earth's surface
		Northern	capital city,	Warwickshire.	Tyne, Ouse and	other features.	in relation to
		Ireland, Scotland	language,	Major cities of	Lagan.	Describe the	one another.
		and Wales. A	currency and key	the United	Significant	relative location	Describe
		capital city is a	landmarks.	Kingdom include	mountains and	of cities,	patterns of
		city that is home	England is the	London,	mountain ranges	counties or	human
		to the	biggest country	Birmingham,	include Ben	geographical	population
		government and	in the United	Edinburgh,	Nevis, Snowdon,	features in the	growth and
		ruler of a	Kingdom.	Cardiff,	Helvellyn, Pen y	UK in relation to	movement,
		country. London	Identify	Manchester and	Fan, the Scottish	other places or	economic
		is the capital city	characteristics of	Newcastle.	Highlands and	geographical	activities, space,
		of England,	the four	Name, locate	the Pennines.	features.	land use and
		Belfast is the	countries and	and describe	Create a detailed		human
		capital city of	major cities of	some major	study of		settlement
		Northern	the UK.	counties and	geographical		patterns of an
		Ireland,		cities in the UK.	features		area of the UK or
		Edinburgh is the			including hills,		the wider world.
		capital city of Scotland and			mountains, coasts and rivers		
		Cardiff is the			of the UK.		
		capital city of			Topography is		
		Wales. The			the arrangement		
		countries of the			of the natural		
		United Kingdom			and artificial		
		are made up of			physical features		
		cities, towns and			of an area.		
		villages. Name			Identify the		

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		and locate the			topography of		
		four countries of			an area of the		
		the UK and their			UK using		
		capital cities on			contour lines on		
		a map, atlas or			a map.		
		globe.					
Assign	Assign	Bright lights, big	Coastline	Assign	Misty mountain,	Assign Sow grow	Assign A child's
		city			winding river	and farm	war
					Assign		

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Position							
Positional	Positional	Positional	The four cardinal	The eight points	The four cardinal	Compass points	Invisible lines of
language is used	language is used	language	points on a	of a compass are	directions are	can be used to	latitude run
to describe	to describe	includes behind,	compass are	north, south,	north (N), east	describe the	horizontally
where things are	where things are	next to and in	north, south,	east, west,	(E), south (S) and	relationship of	around the Earth
in relation to	in relation to	front of.	east and west. A	north-east,	west (W), which	features to each	and show the
one another.	one another.	Directional	route is a set of	north-west,	are at 90° angles	other, or to	northerly or
Positional	Positional	language	directions that	south-east and	on the compass	describe the	southerly
language	language	includes left,	can be used to	south-west. Use	rose. The four	direction of	position of a
includes in, on,	includes in, on,	right, straight	get from one	the eight points	intercardinal (or	travel. Accurate	geographical
next to, behind	next to, behind,	ahead and turn.	place to	of a compass to	ordinal)	grid references	area. Invisible
and in front of.	in front of, in	Use simple	another. Use	locate a	directions are	identify the	lines of
Discuss routes	between, above,	directional and	simple compass	geographical	halfway	position of key	longitude run
and locations	below and	positional	directions to	feature or place	between the	physical and	vertically from
and use and	underneath. Use	language to give	describe the	on a map.	cardinal	human features.	the North to the
understand	simple positional	directions,	location of		directions:	Use compass	South Pole and
some positional	language to	describe the	features or a		north-east (NE),	points, grid	show the
language.	describe where	location of	route on a map.		south-east (SE),	references and	westerly or
	things are in	features and			south-west (SW)	scale to	easterly position
	relation to each	discuss where			and north-west	interpret maps,	of a

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	other and give	things are in			(NW). Use the	including	geographical
	directions.	relation to each			eight points of a	Ordnance	area. Use lines
		other.			compass, four	Survey maps,	of longitude and
					and six-figure	with accuracy.	latitude or grid
					grid references,		references to
					symbols and a		find the position
					key to locate		of different
					and plot		geographical
					geographical		areas and
					places and		features.
					features on a		
					map.		
	Ready steady	Bright lights, big	Coastline	Rocks, relics and	Assign Misty	Sow grow and	A Child's war
	grow, sunshine	city		rumbles	mountain,	farm	
	and sunflowers,	Moon zoom			winding river	Allotment	

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Maps							
	A map is a picture or drawing of an area of land or sea. Make and use simple maps in their play to represent places and journeys, real and imagined	A map is a picture or drawing of an area of land or sea that can show human and physical features. A key is used to show features on a map. A map has symbols to show where things are located. Draw or read a simple picture map.	A map is a picture or drawing of an area of land or sea that can show human and physical features. Maps use symbols and a key. A key is the information needed to read a map and a symbol is a picture or icon used to show a geographical feature. Draw or read a range of simple maps that use symbols and a key.	A four-figure grid reference contains four numbers. The first two numbers are called the easting and are found along the top and bottom of a map. The second two numbers are called the northing and are found up both sides of a map. Four-figure grid references give specific information about locations on a map. Use four-figure grid references to	A six-figure grid reference contains six numbers and is more precise than a four-figure grid reference. The first three figures are called the easting and are found along the top and bottom of a map. The second three figures are called the northing and are found up both sides of a map. Six-figure grid references give detailed information about locations	The geographical term 'relief' describes the difference between the highest and lowest elevations of an area. Relief maps show the contours of land based on shape and height. Contour lines show the elevation of the land, joining places of the same height above sea level. They are usually an orange or brown colour. Contour lines that are close	A geographical area can be understood by using grid references and lines of latitude and longitude to identify position, contour lines to identify height above sea level and map symbols to identify physical and human features. Use grid references, lines of latitude and longitude, contour lines and symbols in maps and on globes to understand and record the
				four-figure grid	information	Contour lines	understand and
				location of objects and places on a simple map.	four or six-figure grid references and keys to describe the location of	represent ground that is steep. Contour lines that are far apart show	area.

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						objects and	ground that is	
						places on a map.	gently sloping or	
							flat. Identify	
							elevated areas,	
							depressions and	
							river basins on a	
L							relief map.	
		Let's explore	Bright lights, Big	Coastline	Assign	Misty mountain,	Assign	Assign
		Sunshine &	city	Wiggle & crawl		winding river		
		sunflowers	Paws, claws and	The scented				
			whiskers	garden				

Compare and contrast Talk about Places can have different climates, between the way people live in the community and ransport and	Places can be compared by size, amenities, transport,	A non-European country is a country outside	Geographical features created	A physical feature is one	The seven	Climate is the
simple different climates, between the way people live in the different climates, weather, food, religions, culture, wildlife,	compared by size, amenities, transport,	country is a		· <i>'</i>	The seven	Climate is the
beyond using pictures, books, maps and other geographical resources. Describe how two places are the same or different using simple picture maps, photographs, data and other geographical resources.	location, weather and climate. Identify the similarities and differences between two places.	the continent of Europe. For example, the USA, Australia, China and Egypt are non-European countries. European countries include the United Kingdom, Germany, France and Spain. Describe and compare the human and physical similarities and differences between an area of the UK and a contrasting non-European	by nature are called physical features. Physical features include beaches, cliffs and mountains. Geographical features created by humans are called human features. Human features include houses, factories and train stations. Classify, compare and contrast different types of geographical feature.	that forms naturally and can change over time due to physical processes, such as erosion and weathering. Physical features include rivers, forests, hills, mountains and cliffs. An aspect of a physical feature might be the type of mountain, such as dome or volcanic, or the type of forest, such as coniferous or broad-leaved. Describe and compare aspects	continents (Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America and South America) vary in size, shape, location, population and climate. Identify and describe the similarities and differences in physical and human geography between continents.	long-term pattern of weather conditions found in a particular place. Climates can be compared by looking at factors including maximum and minimum levels of precipitation and average monthly temperatures. Describe the climatic similarities and differences between two regions.

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Animal safari	Sparkle and shine	Bright lights, big city	The scented garden	Rocks, relics and rumbles	Misty mountain, winding river	Assign allotment, sow, grow and farm	Assign

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Significant places							
Talk about and	A place can be	A place can be	A significant	Significant	Significant	Farming	North America,
ask questions	important	important	place is a	volcanoes	mountain ranges	challenges for	Europe and East
about places	because of its	because of its	location that is	include Mount	include the	developing	Asia are the
that are	location, use	location,	important to a	Vesuvius in Italy,	Himalayas,	countries	main industrial
important to	buildings or	buildings,	community or	Laki in Iceland	Urals, Andes,	include poor	regions of the
them.	landscape.	landscape,	society. Places	and Krakatoa in	Alps, Atlas,	soil, disease,	world due to a
	Discuss and	community,	can also be	Indonesia.	Pyrenees,	drought and lack	range of factors
	describe places	culture and	significant	Significant	Apennines,	of markets.	(access to raw
	that are	history.	because of	earthquake-	Balkans and	Education, fair	materials,
	important to	Important	religious or	prone areas	Sierra Nevada.	trade and	transportation,
	them.	buildings can	historic events	include the San	Significant rivers	technology are	fresh water,
		include schools,	that may have	Andreas Fault in	include the	ways in which	power and
		places of	happened in the	North America	Mississippi, Nile,	these challenges	labour supply).
		worship and	past near the	and the Ring of	Thames,	can be reduced.	Name, locate
		buildings that	location.	Fire, which runs	Amazon, Volga,	Identify some of	and explain the
		provide a service	Significant	around the edge	Zambezi,	the problems of	distribution of
		to the	places can also	of the Pacific	Mekong,	farming in a	significant
		community,	include	Ocean and is	Ganges, Danube	developing	industrial,
		such as shops	monuments,	where many	and Yangtze.	country and	farming and
		and libraries.	such as the Eiffel	plate boundaries	Name, locate	report on ways	exporting
		Some buildings	Tower, or	in the Earth's	and explain the	in which these	regions around
		are important	natural	crust converge.	importance of	can be	the world.
		because they tell	landscapes, such	Over three-	significant	supported.	
		us something	as the Great	quarters of the	mountains or		
		about the past.	Barrier Reef.	world's	rivers.		
		Name important	Name, locate	earthquakes and			
		buildings and	and explain the	volcanic			
		places and	significance of a	eruptions			
		explain their	place.	happen along			
		importance.		the Ring of Fire.			
				Name and locate			

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				significant volcanoes and plate boundaries and explain why they are important.			
	Let's explore	Bright lights, big	Coastline	Rocks, relics and	Misty mountain,	Sow, grow and	Assign
		city		rumbles	winding river	farm	

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Geographical chang	ge						
Notice and talk about how things have changed in the local environment.	Discuss how the local environment has changed over time using photographs and first-hand experiences.	Geographical features can change over time. Describe how a place or geographical feature has changed over time.	An environment or place can change over time due to a geographical process, such as erosion, or human activity, such as housebuilding. Describe how an environment has or might change over time.	Significant geographical activity includes earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. These are known as natural disasters because they are created by nature, affect many people and cause widespread damage. Describe how a significant geographical activity has changed a landscape in the short or long term. The crust of the Earth is divided into tectonic plates that	Rivers, seas and oceans can transform a landscape through erosion, deposition and transportation. Explain how the physical processes of a river, sea or ocean have changed a landscape over time.	Settlements come in many different sizes and these can be ranked according to their population and the level of services available. A settlement hierarchy includes hamlet, village, town, city and large city. Describe how the characteristic of a settlement changes as it gets bigger (settlement hierarchy).	Tourism is an industry that involves people travelling for recreation and leisure. It has had an environmental, social and economic impact on many regions and countries. Present a detailed account of how an industry, including tourism, has changed a place or landscape over time.

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				where plates			
				meet is called a			
				plate boundary.			
				Plates can push			
				into each other,			
				pull apart or			
				slide against			
				each other.			
				These			
				movements can			
				create			
				mountains,			
				volcanoes and			
				earthquakes.			
				Describe the			
				activity of plate			
				tectonics and			
				how this has			
				changed the			
				Earth's surface			
				over time			
				(continental			
				drift).			
	Let's explore	Assign	Coastline	Rocks, relics and	Misty mountain,	Assign	Assign
				rumbles	winding river		