



St Michael's CE Primary School

Geography Progression in Vocabulary
2026-2027

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	Locational knowledge	Place knowledge and comparison	Human geography	Physical geography	Geographical skills and fieldwork	Environment and sustainability
Nursery	Place, Bartley Green, Home, School	Community, Belong, Same, Different	House, Classroom, Garden, Farm, Farmer, Transport, Journey, Car, Bus, Taxi, Train, Bicycle, Aeroplane, Boat, Station, Airport	Autumn, Winter, Spring, Summer, Tree, Plant, Soil, Water	Look, Notice, Explore, Describe, Photograph	Care, Look after, Environment
Reception	Bartley Green, Birmingham, Local area, Country, World, Near, Far	Community, Familiar, Unfamiliar, Same, Different, Compare	Town, City, House, School, Church, Shop, Library, Café, Post office, Bus stop, Reservoir, Field, Transport, Journey, Destination, Pier	Wood, Forest, River, Beach, Sea, Ocean, Sand, Rockpool, Land, Weather, Season, Autumn, Winter, Spring, Summer	Map, Globe, Photograph, Locate, Observe, Describe, Feature, Compare	Environment, Care, Protect, Pollution
Year 1	United Kingdom, Country, England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Capital city, London, Edinburgh, Cardiff, Belfast, Irish Sea,	Community, People, Place, Belong, Special, Identity	Human features, School, Building, Classroom, Office, Hall, Playground, Shop, Shops, Library, Road, Park, Home,	Physical features, Tree, Grass, Soil, Hill, Plants, River, Wood, Island, Mountains, Lochs, Hills, Coast, Sea, Weather, Rain,	Aerial photo, Above, Map, Bird's-eye view, Key, Symbol, Plan, Position, Feature, Direction, Near, Far, Left, Right,	Environment, Protect, Sustainability, Weather impact, Clothing, Safety, Help

	North Sea, English Channel		Church, City, Castle, Fields, Buildings, Travel	Sun, Cloud, Wind, Snow, Storm, Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter, Season, Change, Temperature, Extreme weather	Forecast, Predict, Weather reporter	
Year 2	Local area, Bartley Green, Continent, World, Europe, Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Australia, Antarctica, Country, Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Southern, Arctic, Equator, North Pole, South Pole, Antarctic, Kenya, Mombasa	Community, Place, Similar, Different, Compare, Contrast, Belong, Identity, Special, Unique, Maasai, Inuit	Human features, Shop, Road, House, Library, School, Homes, City, Village, Harbour, Port, Job, Town, Transport	Physical features, Hill, Grass, Trees, Soil, Pond, Ocean, Sea, Coast, Beach, Hot, Sun, Climate, Desert, Tropical, Vegetation, Cold, Ice, Snow, Mountain, Valley, Habitat, River, Forest	North, South, East, West, Direction, Aerial photo, Bird's-eye view, Landmark, Map, Key, Symbol, Feature	Climate change, Protect, Environment, Melting, Drought
Year 3	Region, County, United Kingdom, West Midlands, England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Capital, Birmingham, London, Manchester, Edinburgh, Europe, Continent, Country,	Similar, Different, Compare, Contrast, Culture, Diversity, Language, Tradition, Identity, Change, Past, Present	Urban, Rural, City, Town, Population, Transport, Network, Services, Land use, Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Agricultural, Recreational,	Mountain, Mountains, River, Coast, Hill, Valley, Vegetation, Tropical, Dry, Temperate, Polar, Humidity, Arid, Climate	Grid reference, Horizontal, Vertical, OS map, Square, Digital map, Satellite, Zoom, Feature, Navigation, Map, Landmark	—



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	Border, Capital city, Paris, Madrid, Rome, Berlin, Warsaw, Alps, Pyrenees, Danube, Mediterranean Sea, Catalonia, Barcelona		Density, Green spaces, Industry, Growth, Development			
Year 4	Location, Region, Local area, Equator, Tropics of Cancer, Tropics of Capricorn, Hemisphere, Continent, Distribution, Global	Community, Indigenous, Tradition, Culture, Lifestyle, Respect, Compare, Contrast, Difference, Similarity, Change, History	Settlement, Village, Town, City, Population, Services, Transport, Housing, Rural, Urban, Infrastructure, Land use, Residential, Industrial, Commercial, Green space, Economy, Suburb, Housing estate, Reservoir, Water supply, Recreation, Resources, Agriculture, Human, Development, Growth	Rainforest, Canopy, Understory, Forest floor, Emergent, Tropical, Layer, Environment, Humid, Structure, Climate, Temperature, Rainfall, Humidity, Equatorial, Seasonal, Biodiversity, Adaptation, Species, Habitat, Camouflage, Predator, Prey, Survive, Physical	Compass, North, Northeast, East, OS symbols, Grid, Fieldwork, Sketch map, Observation, Feature, Key, Data, Pattern	Sustainability, Sustainable, Deforestation, Logging, Impact, Consequence, Climate change, Habitat loss, Conservation, Protect, Responsibility, Recycle, Ethical, Consumer

Year 5	Continent, Himalayas, Andes, Snowdonia, Ben Nevis, Lake District, Local	Culture, Community, Compare, Contrast, Difference, Similarity, Significance	Transport, Agriculture, Civilisation, Resource, Reservoir, Water supply, Storage, Dam, Treatment, Infrastructure, System, Tourism, Human	Source, Mouth, Tributary, Meander, Channel, Bank, Flow, Landscape, Physical feature, Physical, Evaporation, Condensation, Precipitation, Collection, Cycle, Process, Atmosphere, Temperature, Rainfall, Climate, Mountain, Range, Peak, Altitude, Tectonic plates, Fold mountains, Fault, Uplift, Volcano, Magma, Lava, Crater, Eruption, Earthquake, Fault line, Richter scale, Tremor, Fertile soil, Flooding, Overflow, Floodplain, Drought	Locate, Fieldwork, Observation, Sketch map, Feature, Key, Compass, Prediction	Impact, Damage, Risk, Management, Sustainability, Conservation, Responsibility, Reduce, Reuse, Environment, Evacuation, Preparation
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Year 6	Longitude, Latitude, Time zone, Prime Meridian, Greenwich, Distribution	Community, Multicultural, Heritage, Identity, Interconnected, Global citizen	Trade, Import, Export, Goods, Services, Resources, Minerals, Energy, Agriculture, Fair Trade, Farmer, Wages, Consumer, Migration, Push factor, Pull factor, Refugee, Opportunity, Supply chain, Manufacturing, Transport, Infrastructure	Climate, Weather, Atmosphere, Biome, Climate zone, Tundra, Desert, Rainforest, Temperate, Vegetation, Drought, Flooding, Extreme weather, Heatwave, Storm	Audit, Observation, Data, Survey	Greenhouse gases, Carbon dioxide, Emissions, Global warming, Impact, Sea-level rise, Vulnerability, Consequence, Adaptation, Risk, Resilience, Renewable, Non-renewable, Fossil fuels, Sustainability, Consumption, Efficiency, Environment, Improvement, COP, Agreement, Conservation, Carbon footprint, Activism, Responsibility, Reduce, Reuse, Ethical
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