



Vocabulary Progression – Geography

EYFS			
beach	hill	river	town
building	map	road	train
bus	mountain	School hall	Turtle class
countryside	office	sea	weather
desert	park	Seahorses class	wood
Dolphin class	path	Sharks class	Prepositions and
farm	Penguin class	St Peter's Church	direction-finding
Folkestone	people	St Peter's School	terms such as, near,
forest	place	staffroom	far away and next to

Year 1			
aerial photograph	direction	location	similar
aerial view	directional language	map	survey
atlas	distance	north	symbol
capital city	features	physical feature	temperature
city	globe	place	thermometer
climate	human features	questionnaire	town
compass	improve	rain gauge	village
continent	key	sea	weather
country	land	season	weather vane
different	locate		

Year 2			
aerial photograph	desert	map	sand dunes
aquarium	Equator	mudflat	savannah
arch	fieldwork	north	scale
arid	globe	ocean	sea
bay	grasslands	OS map	stack
capital city	harbour	pack ice	symbol
city	human feature	physical feature	tally chart
cliff	ice sheet	pictogram	tourist
climate	island	pier	town
coast	key	polar	tropical
coastline	lake	rain gauge	urban
compass	land	rainforest	vegetation
continent	landmark	river	village
country	locate	rural	weather
data collection	location	sample	

Year 3/4

active volcano	emergent layer	leisure	reliability
agricultural land	enquiry	lianas	residential land
air freight	Equator	linear	responsible trade
analyse	estuary	lines of latitude	risk
atlas	evaporation	lines of longitude	river mouth
biome	export	local	route
buttress roots	extinct volcano	logging	sample size
canopy layer	facilities	magma	scale bar
capital city	fault-block mountain	magma chamber	seasonal food
carbon footprint	fertile soil	mantle	settlement
climate	fertiliser	meander	shield volcano
climate change	flooding	memorial	source
climate zone	floodplain	method	sustainability
commercial land	fold mountain	metro	tectonic plate
community	food bank	mining	trade
compare	food miles	monument	transpiration
compass points	forest floor	negative effects	transportation
composite volcano	geothermal energy	nucleated	treaty
condensation	global warming	outer core	trend
consume	grant	oxbow lake	tributary
country border	greenhouse gas	percolation	Tropic of Cancer
county	groundwater	pesticides	Tropic of Capricorn
crust	hemisphere	place of worship	tsunami
data	ice sheet	plate boundary	understory layer
deforestation	ice shelf	positive effects	valley
delta	iceberg	precipitation	vegetation
direction	import	produce	vegetation belts
dispersed	index	pyroclastic flow	vent
distribution	indigenous peoples	qualitative	volcanic mountain
dormant volcano	inner core	quantitative	volcanic springs
drifting ice	irrigation	questionnaire	water cycle
drought	land use	recreational land	waterfall
earthquake	legend	region	

Year 5/6

air pollution	disposable	migration	refugee
agriculture	drought	mining	regenerate
airstrip	ecology	mountain climate	region
arid	ecosystem	mountain range	renewable
atlas	emissions	mushroom rock	renewable energy
atmosphere	energy source	national park	replenish
barren	erosion	natural arch	risk
biodegradable	flash flood	natural disaster	route
biofuel	fold mountain	natural gas	salt flat
biome	fossil fuels	natural increase	sand dune
birth rate	geology	nature reserve	scale
buffer	glacier	noise pollution	sea level
cartogram	greenhouse gases	non-renewable	single use plastic
climate	habitat	nuclear power	six-figure grid
climate change	hemisphere	ocean current	reference
coal	human feature	OS map	solar power
coniferous trees	human footprint	physical feature	sparse
consumption	hydropower	policy	sparsely populated
contour line	impact	population	species
coral bleaching	involuntary	population density	temperate
coral reef	land height	population distribution	temperate forest
crude oil	latitude	Prime Meridian	time zone
dam	leisure	producer	tourism
death rate	Likert scale	pull factors	tourist
deciduous trees	longitude	push factors	tourist attraction
decompose	marine	qualitative	urban planner
deforestation	mesa	quantitative	vegetation
densely populated	method	rainfall	voluntary
desert	micro-plastics	ranching	water cycle
desertification	migrants	recreational land use	weather
digital map			wind power