



The Greville Primary School – Progression in Geography Vocabulary

Reception

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Tier 2		Tier 3
seasons, nature, weather, map, spring, world, investigate, explore, direction		continents (Europe, Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Australasia, Antarctica), ocean (Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Arctic, Southern), country UK (England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales), forest, hill
		mountain, sea, river, valley, beach, cliff, coast, soil, city, town

Year 1

What is it like here?		What is the weather like in the UK?		What is it like to live in Shanghai?	
Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 2	Tier 3
atlas, city, country, distance, features, globe, improve, key, location, north, place, questionnaire, sea, symbols, town, village	aerial photograph aerial view survey	capital city, climate, compass, continent, direction, east, north, season, south, temperature, weather, west	rain gauge thermometer weather vane	continent different key similar symbol	human feature physical feature

Year 2

Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?		Why is our world wonderful?		What is it like to live by the coast?	
Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 2	Tier 3
compass, desert, human feature, locate, mild, ocean, rain gauge, physical feature, polar, rural, thermometer, tropical, urban, vegetation,	arid equator grasslands ice sheet pack ice rainforest savannah temperate	landmark sample scale vegetation	aerial photograph data Collection fieldwork OS map tally chart	aquarium, bay, cliff, coast, coastline, harbour, pier, sand dunes, tourist	arch mudflat pictogram stack

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Year 3

Why do people live near volcanoes?		Who lives in Antarctica?		Are all settlements the same?	
Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 2	Tier 3
fertile soil index minerals negative effects positive effects natural rock man-made rock	active volcano, climate change, composite volcano, crust, dormant volcano, earthquake, epicentre, extinct volcano, fault line, fault-block mountain, fold mountain, geothermal energy, igneous rock, inner core, outer core, magma, magma chamber, mantle, metamorphic rock, plate boundary, pyroclastic flow, sedimentary rock, seismic waves, shield volcano, tectonic plate, tsunami, vent, volcanic mountain, volcanic springs	climate zone hemisphere lines of latitude lines of longitude treaty	drifting ice ice sheet ice shelf iceberg	agricultural land commercial land compare facilities land use legend linear metro place of worship recreational land residential land	dispersed memorial monumental nucleated

Year 4

Why are rainforests important to us?		Where does our food come from?		What are rivers and how are they used?	
Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 2	Tier 3
biome, canopy layer, deforestation, enquiry, Equator, forest floor, global warming, greenhouse gas, indigenous people,	buttress roots emergent layer lianas	air freight fertiliser food bank/miles grant pesticides qualitative	sustainability carbon footprint responsible trade	delta estuary floodplain groundwater irrigation meander	oxbow lake percolation waterfall

interpret, lines of latitude, logging, mining, questionnaire, Tropic of Cancer, Tropic of Capricorn, understorey layer, vegetation, vegetation belts		quantitative reliability sample size scale bar seasonal food		precipitation river mouth transpiration tributary water cycle	
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Year 5

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What is life like in the Alps?		Why do oceans matter?		Would you like to live in a desert?	
Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 2	Tier 3
hemisphere, human feature, land height, mountain climate, mountain range, OS map, physical feature, questionnaire, sea level, temperate forest, tourism, vegetation	glacier fold mountain recreational land use coniferous forest deciduous trees	biodegradable, buffer, coral reef, decompose, digital map, ecology, erosion, human footprint, policy, ocean current	coral bleaching, ecosystem, geology, microplastics, single-use plastic	arid, barren, climate, drought, sparse, time zone, airstrip, mining, national park, natural arch, nature reserve, renewable energy, sand dune	biome, desertification, flash flood, mesa, mushroom rock, ranching, salt flat

Year 6

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Why does population change?		Where does our energy come from?		Can I carry out an independent fieldwork enquiry?	
Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 2	Tier 3
birth rate, death rate, densely populated, sparsely populated, involuntary, migration, pull factor, push factor, qualitative, quantitative, refugee, voluntary, migrant,	cartogram, deforestation, fossil fuels, greenhouse gases, Likert scale, natural increase, population density, population distribution	emissions, consumption, biofuel, coal, crude oil, energy source, natural gas, non-renewable, renewable, solar power. hydropower, wind power, urban planner	contour line, Prime Meridian, regenerate, six-figure grid reference	analyse, data collection methods, enquiry, evidence, justify, plot, presenting, process, recommendation, subjective	N/A