Key Stage 2 Geography Progression



	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Geographical	Analyse maps, atlases and globes,	Study and draw conclusions about	Analyse and compare a place, or	Use satellite imaging and maps of
skills and	including digital mapping, to locate	places and geographical features	places, using aerial photographs.	different scales to find out
fieldwork	countries and describe features studied.	using a range of geographical	atlases and maps.	geographical information about a
		resources, including maps, atlases,		place.
		globes and digital mapping.		
	Use the eight points of a compass to	Use the eight points of a compass,	Use compass points and grid	Use lines of longitude and latitude
	locate a geographical feature or place on	four and six-figure grid references,	references to interpret maps,	or grid references to find the
	a map.	symbols and a key to locate and	including Ordnance Survey maps,	position of different geographical
		plot geographical places and	with accuracy.	areas and features.
		features on a map.		
	Use four-figure grid references to	Use four or six-figure grid	Identify elevated areas,	Use grid references, lines of
	describe the location of objects and	references and keys to describe the	depressions and river basins on a	latitude and longitude, contour
	places on a simple map.	location of objects and places on a	relief map.	lines and symbols in maps and on
		map.		globes to understand and record
				the geography of an area.
	Gather evidence to answer a	Investigate a geographical	Construct or carry out a	Ask and answer geographical
	geographical question or enquiry.	hypothesis using a range of	geographical enquiry by gathering	questions and hypotheses using a
	Knowledge	fieldwork techniques.	and analysing a range of sources.	range of fieldwork and research
				techniques.
	Analyse primary data, identifying any	Collect and analyse primary and	Summarise geographical data to	Analyse and present increasingly
	patterns observed.	secondary data, identifying and	draw conclusions.	complex data, comparing data from
		analysing patterns and suggesting		different sources and suggesting
		reasons for them.		why data may vary.
	Gather and record findings in a variety	Gather, record, classify and present	Gather and record data and results	Choose an appropriate approach to
	of ways (diagrams, tables, charts and	observations and measurements in	of increasing complexity, selecting	recording accurate results,
	graphs) with increasing accuracy.	a variety of ways (pictorial	from a range of methods (scientific	including scientific diagrams, labels,
	Knowledge	representations, timelines,	diagrams, labels, classification keys,	timelines, classification keys,
		diagrams, keys, tables, charts and	tables, graphs and models).	tables, models and graphs (bar, line
		graphs).		and scatter), linking to
				mathematical knowledge.

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Locational knowledge	Name and locate significant volcanoes and plate boundaries and explain why they are important.	Name, locate and explain the importance of significant mountains or rivers.	Identify some of the problems of farming in a developing country and report on ways in which these can be supported.	Name, locate and explain the distribution of significant industrial regions around the world.
		Identify the topography of an area of the UK using contour lines on a map.		
	Locate significant places using latitude and longitude.	Identify the location of the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn on a world map.	Identify the location and explain the function of the Prime (or Greenwich) Meridian and different time zones (including day and night).	Identify the position and explain the significance of latitude, longitude, equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, the Arctic and Antarctic Circles, the Prime (or Greenwich) Meridian and time zones (including day and night).
Place Knowledge	Locate countries and major cities in Europe (including Russia) on a world map.	Locate the countries and major cities of North, Central and South America on a world map, atlas or globe.	Name, locate and describe major world cities.	Explain interconnections between two areas of the world.
Human, Physical and Environmental Geography	Describe the parts of a volcano or earthquake.	Identify, describe and explain the formation of different mountain types.	Identify and describe some key physical features and environmental regions of North and South America and explain how these, along with the climate zones and soil types, can affect land use.	Compare and describe physical features of polar landscapes.
	Classify, compare and contrast different types of geographical feature.	Describe and compare aspects of physical features.	Identify and describe the similarities and differences in physical and human geography between continents.	Describe the climatic similarities and differences between two regions.

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Describe the type and purpose of	Describe a range of human features	Describe and explain the location	Explain how humans function in the
different buildings, monuments, services	and their location and explain how	and purpose of transport networks	place they live.
and land, and identify reasons for their	they are interconnected.	across the UK and other parts of	
location.		the world.	
Describe the type and characteristics of	Explain ways that settlements, land	Describe in detail the different	Describe the distribution of natural
settlement or land use in an area or	use or water systems are used in	types of agricultural land use in the	resources in an area or country.
region.	different parts of the world.	UK.	
Identify the five major climate zones on	Describe altitudinal zonation on	Name and locate the world's	Explain how climate change affects
Earth.	mountains.	biomes, climate zones and	climate zones and biomes across
		vegetation belts and explain their	the world.
		common characteristics.	
Describe how a significant geographical	Explain how the physical processes	Describe how the characteristic of a	Present a detailed account of how
activity has changed a landscape in the	of a river, sea or ocean have	settlement changes as it gets bigger	an industry, including tourism, has
short or long term.	changed a landscape over time.	(settlement hierarchy).	changed a place or landscape over
			time.