

OUR GEOGRAPHY GLOSSARY

Aerial View	Something that is in or from the air. A picture taken from a helicopter
Atlas	A book of maps or charts
Beach	A pebbly or sandy shore, especially by the sea between high- and low-water marks
Birdseye View	A general view from above
Cliff	A steep rock face, especially at the edge of the sea
Climate	The weather conditions prevailing in an area in general or over a long period
Coast	The part of the land adjoining or near the sea
Community	A group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common
Continents	Any of the world's main continuous expanses of land (Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America, Australia, Antarctica)
Co-ordinates	A group of numbers and letters used to indicate the position of a point, line, or plane
Country	A nation with its own government, occupying a particular territory
Direction	A course along which someone or something moves
Environment	The surroundings or conditions in which a person, animal, or plant lives or operates
Equator	The Equator is an imaginary circle around Earth. It divides Earth into two equal parts
Globe	A globe is a spherical model of Earth
Harbour	A harbour is a deep body of water that protects boats near land
Hills	A hill is a landform that is higher than the surrounding terrain and that is smaller than a mountain
Key	It gives you the information needed for a map to make sense. Maps often use symbols or colours to represent things
Lake	Lakes are large bodies of water that are surrounded by land and are not part of an ocean

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Landmarks	A landmark is an object or a feature of a landscape or town that has importance or makes a place easily recognisable
Locality	A place and its surroundings
Mountains	A mountain is a landform that rises high above its surroundings. Taller than a hill, it usually has steep slopes and a rounded or sharp peak
Ocean	A very large expanse of seas
Pier	A structure built out into the water as a place for boats to dock or for people to walk or to protect or form a harbour
Port	Town or city with a harbour where ships load or unload cargo
River	A river is a flowing, moving stream of water. Usually a river feeds water into an ocean, lake, pond, or even another river. Water from a river can come from rain, melting snow, lakes, ponds, or even glaciers. Rivers flow downhill from their source
Route	A way or course taken in getting from a starting point to a destination
Shoreline	The line or strip of land where a body of water and the shore meet
Structure	A building or other object constructed from several parts
Symbol	An object or picture that represents something else
Village	A village is a community made up of a small number of houses, usually in a country area