

KS2 Geography principles

Geography principles that will help children prepare for KS3 geography

Geography is about patterns and connections so if children are confident and fluent in the ten areas listed below they will be able to make sense of geography no matter which topic or place they are studying.

Knowledge and understanding

1. To identify continents and oceans.
2. To recognise the UK, UK nations and capitals, English counties and where they live.
3. To have knowledge and understanding of their local area.
4. To locate and use key vocabulary to describe key countries in Europe, North and South America, for example, Brazil, Canada, Iceland, Italy, Mexico, Russia, USA.
5. To be fluent with key vocabulary: human, physical, similar, different, environmental, economic, climate, biome, continent, country, county, city, pattern, distribution and connection.
6. To recognise topographical features using geographical terms, e.g. cliff, river, coast.

Skills

1. To be able to use an atlas: contents page, index and finding the right page.
2. To be fluent with OS maps and map skills: 6 figure grid references, 8 point compass directions, distance, symbols.
3. To be confident with maps of different scales.
4. To be able to carry out fieldwork in order to use primary data to answer a question.

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