

Geography Knowledge Organiser

What should I already know?

- The **town** I live in is called Hitchin, in the **county** of Hertfordshire
- Hitchin is in England, which is a **country**.
- England, which is in the United Kingdom, is in the **continent** of Europe.
- There are seven continents (including Europe) and the five oceans.

Geographical skills and Fieldwork

- Locate the seven **continents** and five **oceans** on a map, an atlas and a globe. What are the skills you need to use for each of these?
- Find the countries using a map, an atlas and a globe. What are the skills you need to use for each of these?
- Compare the **human** and **physical features** of the countries saying how similar and different. How can you present this information in different ways (e.g. Carroll and Venn diagrams)?
- Research a country focusing on landscapes, cultures, people and climate.
- Observe aerial view photographs to compare countries and **climate** zones.




Globe

Use a map, a globe or an atlas to locate places in the world.



Countries of the world

Key vocabulary

atlas	book of maps 
biome	a natural area of the living world which has its own climate, vegetation and animals.
capital city	the city where the government sits. London is the capital city of England and the UK
city	a large town. London is a city.
climate	the general weather conditions that are typical of a place
climate zone	sections of the earth that are divided according to the climate. There are three main climate zones: polar, temperate and tropical
coasts	an area of land that is next to the sea
continent	a very large of land that consists of many countries
county	a name for a piece of land.
country	an area of land that is controlled by its own government
currency	the official money of a country. It consists of paper money and coins.
Equator	an imaginary line around the middle of the Earth at an equal distance from the North Pole to the South Pole.
globe	a ball shaped object with a map of the world on it.
human geography	features of land that have been impacted by human activity
landmark	a building or feature which is easily recognised.

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Key Vocabulary (cont.)

language	the communication of a particular country or people
ocean	one of the five very large areas of salt water on the Earth's surface.
physical geography	natural features of the land
population	all the people who live in a country or an area
temperate	a place which is never extremely hot or cold.
tourist	a person who is visiting a place for pleasure and interest, especially when they are on holiday
trade	the activity of buying, selling, or exchanging goods or services
tropical	parts of the world that lie between the imaginary lines, Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn. The tropics have a humid climate, where the weather is hot and damp.



Famous landmarks around the world
How many can you name?