Project glossary

atlas

A collection of maps and information that shows the geographical features of an area.
canal A human-made waterway used to transport goods around the country.
cardinal point One of the four main points of the compass: north, east, south and west.
climate The general weather conditions found in a place over a period of time.
compass A hand-held device with a metal arrow that always points north, used for finding direction.
continent One of seven large land masses on Earth's surface, mainly surrounded by sea.
desert climate Very little rainfall and large temperature differences between night and day, and summer and winter.
direction The position towards which someone or something moves or faces.
Earth The planet in our solar system upon which we live.
equator A line of latitude around the middle of the Earth at 0°.
fieldwork

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Practical activities and investigations that are done away from school.



four-figure grid reference

A method of locating a grid square on a map. The first two numbers show the horizontal position, and the second two numbers show the vertical position.

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human feature

A geographical feature created by humans, such as a road or a bridge.

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intercardinal point

One of the four compass points midway between the cardinal points: north-east, south-east, south-west and north-west.

map

A drawing of part of the Earth's surface showing human and physical features.

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Mediterranean climate

A type of climate that has mild, wet winters and hot, dry summers.

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physical feature

A geographical feature that occurs naturally, such as a river or a mountain.

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polar climate

A type of climate that is cold and dry with long, dark winters.

six-figure grid reference

A method of locating a specific point within a grid square on a map. The first three numbers, called the eastings, show the horizontal position and the second three numbers, called the northings, show the vertical position.

temperate climate

A type of climate that has warm summers, cool winters, and year-round precipitation.

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tropical climate

A type of climate that has a constant hot temperature, and a wet season and dry season.



United Kingdom

The country that consists of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

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world

The Earth and all the people, places and things on it.

