



PROGRESSION OF VOCABULARY IN GEOGRAPHY (EYFS – YEAR 6)

'ROCKET WORDS' FOR GEOGRAPHY CURRICULUM AREAS

CLASS 1 - CYCLE A and CYCLE B (EYFS)

Geography Focus:	Geographical 'Rocket Words' for this focus:
My Place in the World	Home, safe, shelter, house, family, map, direction, symbol, clue, place, local, area, school, shop, journey, countryside, police station, fire station, hospital, city, transport, travel, vehicle, road, land.
Exploring the United Kingdom	Country, flag, globe, shape, pattern, traffic, building, landmarks, market, city, seaside, beach, town, pier, boat, food, taste, celebrate, scone, haggis, fireworks, family, celebration, festival, tradition.
All Around the World	World, land, ocean, continent, travel, ice, cold, North Pole, Arctic, South Pole, desert, trees, hot, rainforest, Africa, mountain, culture, Asia, landmarks, food, island, tropical, palm tree, reggae, reef.

CLASS 2 – CYCLE A (YEAR 1/2)

Geography Focus:	Geographical 'Rocket Words' for this focus:
My School	Aerial view, human features, physical features, map, features, travel, compass, direction, compass points, explorers, left, near, far, right, location, position, symbol, school, area, landmark, city, rural, urban, village, farm.
The United Kingdom	Ocean, Europe, island, channel, sea, United Kingdom (UK), England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, climate, forecast, weather, temperature, rainfall, mountain, landscape, valley, loch, river, farm, farmers, crops, grow, wheat.
The World	Continent, atlas, world, globe, country, Arctic Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, Southern Ocean, Indian Ocean, Pacific Ocean, North Pole, South Pole, Antarctic, Arctic, iceberg, rainfall, vegetation, geographer, climate, equator, desert, rainforest, diversity, humid, dry, ocean, diversity.

CLASS 2 - CYCLE B (YEAR 1/2)

Geography Focus:	Geographical 'Rocket Words' for this focus:
Where We Live	Aerial map, direction, compass, location, route, human features, key, physical features, symbol, local, landmark, area, fieldwork, represent, observation, aerial view, community, building, main road, side road, urban, transport, Atlas Mountains, remote, rural, area, climate.
The United Kingdom	United Kingdom (UK), climate, country, landscape, capital city, region, coastline, peninsula, England, London, river, lough, Northern Ireland, Belfast, mountain, Edinburgh, Scotland, island, loch, rural, Wales, Cardiff, valley, remote, harbour,
The World	Continent, country, ocean, sea, atlas, North Pole, landscape, South Pole, equator, climate, hot climate, warm climate, mild climate, cool climate, cold climate, hurricane, flood, extreme, tornado, drought, scale, rainfall, wind speed, Florida, storm, weather.

CLASS 3 - CYCLE A (YEAR 2/3)

Geography Focus:	Geographical 'Rocket Words' for this focus:
Biomes	Ecosystem, biomes, climate, habitat, environment, vegetation belt, adaptation, vegetation, conditions, species, dunes, Sahara, desert, rainfall, oasis, tropical forest, equator, temperate forest, boreal forest, diversity, tundra, permafrost, lichens, migration, extreme.
Italy	Italy, Europe, Rome, the Alps, Mediterranean, climate graph, region, seasons, climate, average, agriculture, crops, olive groves, economy, livestock, Mount Vesuvius, eruption, volcano, Pompeii, lava, protection, Venice, canal, gondola, trade port.
Settlements	Village, settlement, hamlet, town, city, symbols, grid reference, legend, scale, key, Ordnance Survey maps, distance, rural, urban, location, residential buildings, commercial buildings, services, sample, fieldwork, ruins, early settlers, resources, expand, develop, community.

CLASS 3 - CYCLE B (YEAR 2/3)

Geography Focus:	Geographical 'Rocket Words' for this focus:
Where We Live	Aerial map, direction, compass, location, route, human features, key, physical features, symbol, local, landmark, area, fieldwork, represent, observation, aerial view, community, building, main road, side road, urban, transport, Atlas Mountains, remote, rural, area, climate.
The United Kingdom	United Kingdom (UK), climate, country, landscape, capital city, region, coastline, peninsula, England, London, river, lough, Northern Ireland, Belfast, mountain, Edinburgh, Scotland, island, loch, rural, Wales, Cardiff, valley, remote, harbour,
The World	Continent, country, ocean, sea, atlas, North Pole, landscape, South Pole, equator, climate, hot climate, warm climate, mild climate, cool climate, cold climate, hurricane, flood, extreme, tornado, drought, scale, rainfall, wind speed, Florida, storm, weather.

CLASS 4 - CYCLE A (YEAR 4/5)

Geography Focus:	Geographical 'Rocket Words' for this focus:
Our Blue Planet	Current, ocean, sea, life, global conveyor belt, precipitation, surface water, evaporation, condensation, water cycle, river, source, meander, tributary, erosion, pollution, hydroelectricity, irrigation, dam, recreation, conservation, challenge, climate change, human feature, climate, physical feature.
Our Connected World	Hemisphere, globe, longitude, latitude, Equator, location, time zone, Prime Meridian, travel, jet lag, non-renewable resources, energy, natural resources, minerals, trade, origin, food miles, fair trade, global trade, extreme weather, climate change, impact, drought, shortage.
Our Local Area	Physical feature, communicate, landmark, human feature, geographer, Ordnance Survey, route, landmark, compass, grid reference(s), key, symbols, scale, fieldwork, research, local area, mapwork, graph, results, data, local councillor, brochure, community, geographical.

CLASS 4 - CYCLE B (YEAR 4/5)

Geography Focus:	Geographical 'Rocket Words' for this focus:
The United Kingdom	Region, country, location, county, features, unique, human features, physical features, tradition, landmark(s), seasonal, variety, crops, produce, vegetation, native, wildlife, habitat, climate, temperate, city, capital city, businesses, transport, culture, landscape.
Europe	Country, Atlantic Ocean, Europe, continent, Mediterranean Sea, city, capital city, landmark(s), government, business, Northern Europe, differences, geographical features, Southern Europe, similarities, mountain, castle, Eastern Europe, bison, wildlife, Western Europe, culture, Rhine River, canals, medieval, climate, plains.
Volcanoes, Mountains and Earthquakes	Physical features, mountain range, valley, peak, relief map, earthquake, plate boundary, seismic wave, fault line, tectonic plates, tsunami, magnitude, Richter Scale, seismologist, region, volcano, magma, lava, Earth's crust, erupt, volcanologist, eruptions, impact, volcanic soil, hot springs.

CLASS 5 - CYCLE A (YEAR 5/6)

Geography Focus:	Geographical 'Rocket Words' for this focus:
Our Blue Planet	Current, ocean, sea, life, global conveyor belt, precipitation, surface water, evaporation, condensation, water cycle, river, source, meander, tributary, erosion, pollution, hydroelectricity, irrigation, dam, recreation, conservation, challenge, climate change, human feature, climate, physical feature.
Our Connected World	Hemisphere, globe, longitude, latitude, Equator, location, time zone, Prime Meridian, travel, jet lag, non-renewable resources, energy, natural resources, minerals, trade, origin, food miles, fair trade, global trade, extreme weather, climate change, impact, drought, shortage.
Our Local Area	Physical feature, communicate, landmark, human feature, geographer, Ordnance Survey, route, landmark, compass, grid reference(s), key,

	symbols, scale, fieldwork, research, local area, mapwork, graph, results, data, local councillor, brochure, community, geographical.
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CLASS 5 - CYCLE B (YEAR 5/6)

Geography Focus:	Geographical 'Rocket Words' for this focus:
North America	Physical features, plains, prairie, location, peninsula, distribution, human feature, land use, settlement, landmark, arid, humid, temperate, tropical, permafrost, strike-slip fault line, tectonic plates, plate boundary, fault line, epicentre, severe, wildfire, climate, conditions, risk, research, climate zone.
Amazon Rainforest	Tropical, arid / semi-arid, climate zone, biome, temperate, equatorial, location, geographical features, distribution, diverse, climate, temperature, vegetation, meteorologist, canopy, sustainability, ecosystem, life, indigenous, essential, deforestation, logging, threat, agriculture, infrastructure, issue, future, certainty, reforestation.
My Place	Global, region, grid references, settlement, location, biome, climate zone, temperate climate zone, climate, tundra, human feature, tradition, early settlers, hamlet, custom, valley, extreme, glacier, precautions, physical feature, compare, inland, economy, urban, coastal, geographer, diagram, research, presentation, persuade.