

Project glossary

atlas

A collection of maps and information that shows the geographical features of an area.

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canal

A human-made waterway used to transport goods around the country.

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cardinal point

One of the four main points of the compass: north, east, south and west.

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climate

The general weather conditions found in a place over a period of time.

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compass

A hand-held device with a metal arrow that always points north, used for finding direction.

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continent

One of seven large land masses on Earth's surface, mainly surrounded by sea.

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desert climate

Very little rainfall and large temperature differences between night and day, and summer and winter.

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direction

The position towards which someone or something moves or faces.

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Earth

The planet in our solar system upon which we live.

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equator

A line of latitude around the middle of the Earth at 0°.

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fieldwork

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.

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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.

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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.

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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.