



Specialist Subject Vocabulary-Geography



Environment

The place in which a creature lives; the natural world.

Prefix: **en** - in, on

Government

A group of people with the authority to rule the country; the style of ruling in the country.

Suffix: **ment** – result of an action

Root Word: Govern

Physical

Physical geography is the study of the natural features of the earth such as landforms, soil, rivers etc.

Distribution

The natural arrangement and apportionment of the various forms of animals and plants in the different regions and localities of the earth.

Relief

The difference in land levels e.g. valleys and mountains; shown on maps by contour lines or shading.

Sustainable

(resources) able to be maintained at a constant level by continually renewing, e.g. replanting trees.

Suffix: **able** - can be done
Root Word: sustain

Immigration

The act of coming into foreign country to live permanently.

Prefix: **im** - in, into, on

Suffix: **tion** - act, process or result

Root Word: migrate

Emigration

The act of going away from your own country to live permanently in a foreign country.

Prefix: **e** - out, out of, away

Suffix: **tion** - act, process or result

Root Word: migrate

Precipitation

Rain, snow or sleet falling and condensing on the ground.

Suffix: **tion** - act, process or result

Root Word: precipitate

Depression

An area of low pressure which produces wet and windy weather.

Prefix: **de** - away, down, reverse

Suffix: **sion** - act, process or result

Root Word: press



Challenge Vocabulary-Geography



Geomorphological

The branch of geology that is concerned with the structure, origin, and development of the topographical features of the earth's surface.

Quaternary

An animal in a food chain that eats a secondary consumer, e.g. a hawk that eats a snake.

Prefix: **quat** - four

Suffix: **ary** - to do with; er - a thing doing an action

Socio-economic

Relating to or concerned with the interaction of social and economic factors.

Anticyclone

System of winds rotating outwards from an area of high pressure, bringing fine weather.

Prefix: **anti** - against, opposite

Root Word: cycle

Eutrophication

The process of excess nutrients from fertilisers entering rivers and lakes, causing plant and algae growth, e.g. nitrates.

Prefix: **eu** - easy, good, well

Suffix: **tion** - act, process or result

Root Word: trophy - feeding, nutrition

Photosynthesis

The process in green plants which combines light, water and CO2 to create nutrients.

Prefix: **photo** - light; syn - together

Root Word: thesis - putting, placing

Choropleth map

A map which uses differences in shading, colouring, or the placing of symbols within predefined areas to indicate the average values of a particular quantity in those areas.

Isohyets

A line drawn on a map connecting points having equal rainfall at a certain time or for a stated period.

Impermeable

Not allowing fluid to pass through, not allowing water to soak down from the surface.

Prefix: **im / in** - not

Suffix: **able** - can be done

Hydrological

To do with the study of the earth's water and its movement in relation to land.

Prefix: **hydro** - water

Suffix: **ology** - study of; al - to do with