



## Belton Primary School Geography Vocabulary Progression

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This document provides a progression in vocabulary linked to the Connected Curriculum. Schools will need to refine the Tier 2 'Grow' vocabulary to a more limited number of 4/5 words per unit to explicitly teach to pupils. These words need to be taught through strategies that ensure deep processing and multiple exposure to the words if children are to secure them in their long-term memory.

Words in Green are the Big Ides of the curriculum, these words cover the key concepts that are revisited throughout as continuous strands, often referred to as substantive concepts. These words need to be explicitly taught as will be revisit multiple times during children's learning experience. This will ensure children have firm foundations on which to progress. Guidance and strategies on instructional activities for the teaching of vocabulary can be found in the Devon Teaching Vocabulary CPD pack.

## Second Order Concepts

place	change	environment	location
diversity	interaction	scale	processes
interdependence	distribution	sustainability	

## Substantive Concepts

weather	climate	biome	ocean	city
river	forest	mountain	coast	natural
physical features	human features	island	continent	World
earth	environment	nation	country	trade
desert	farm/agriculture	volcano	rainforest	locality
route	situation	site	planet	season
tundra	tropical	arctic	monsoon	flood

Ecosystem	*The substantive concepts listed here are those taken from the Learning organisers written by David Weatherly,
	These are examples of substantive concepts not a definitive list.

		Know words (prior taught tier 2) Base on the sequence of units in your curriculum: relevant tier 2 words from previous units or vocabulary teaching	Grow words (tier 2 taught)  Red indicates disciplinary thinking skill vocab  Green indicates vocabulary also taught in the history curriculum	Show words (tier 3 technical vocabulary)
KSI	What is the geography of where I live?	road, street, field, building, house, shops, pavement, park, church, farm, map	urban, rural, physical, human, environment, landscape, (further locational vocab to be considered based on your location), settlement, land use, fieldwork, population, satellite, country, location and place  Recognise, identify, describe, observe	data, city, town, village, deciduous, coniferous
	How does the geography of Kampong Ayer compare with the geography of where I live?	tree, school	physical, human, natural, environment, location, country, settlement, landscape, weather, compare and contrast, wood, canopy, habitat, similarities and differences, homes, work, worship, transport	rainforest, village, river, tide, hill, mountain
	How does the weather affect our lives?	North Pole, South Pole,	weather, season, physical, human, process, environment, country, location, dry, hot, cold, damp, wet, mild (common synonyms and shades of meaning for temperature words), natural Describe, change	ocean, continent, desert, polar, tropical, temperate

	Why don't penguins need to		physical, human, environment, adaptation,	polar, ice sheet, iceberg, coastline,
	fly?		expedition, extreme, predator, habitat, natural	hemisphere
	Why does it matter where	plants, animals, rain, sun, grow	urban, rural, physical, human, process, weather,	agriculture, 'free-range', arable,
	my food comes from?		country, farm, trade, import, export, consume,	livestock
			pastoral, mixed, crops, herd, produce,	
			conditions, transport, foreign, international	
	What do we find at places	Beach, land, sea, coastline	Country, continent, island, harbour, shallow,	Ocean, cliff, cove, marsh, headland,
	where the land meets the		warm, habitat, location, resort, weather, polar,	spit, peninsula, estuary, bay, stack, mud
	sea?		temperature, environment	flat, sand bank, reef
LKS2	Beyond the Magic Kingdom	physical, human, natural, environment,	state, theme (park), climate, economy, trajectory,	peninsula, biome, National Park,
(Y3/4)	- what is the Sunshine	location, place, continent, country, ocean,	attraction, advantage, disadvantage, diverse,	vegetation, hurricane
	State really like?	tourism, coast, population, data, leisure,	distribution, gulf, recreation, zone, endangered,	
		foreign, international	conservation, hazard	
	How and why is my local	settlement, urban, rural, city, population,	derelict, (re)development, climate, economy,	immigration
	area changing?	village, town, human, process, physical,	pattern, residential, business, retail, services,	
		pollution, land-use, trade, civilisation, work,	infrastructure, impact, advantage,	
		construction, transport, tourism, leisure,	disadvantage, cost and benefit, perspective	
		coast, change, factor, environment,		
		landscape, fieldwork		
	Why so many people in the	settlement, urban, rural, city, population,	mega, distribution, density, migration, inhabit,	topography
	world live in megacities?	village, town, human, process, physical,	relief, development, employment, economy,	
		pollution, land-use, trade, civilisation, work,	infrastructure, congestion, advantage,	
		construction, transport	disadvantage, shanty, capital, residential	
	How can we live more	settlement, urban, rural, city, population,	(un)sustainable, renewable, energy,	biodiversity, solar, turbine,
	sustainably?	village, town, human, physical, pollution,	conservation, economic, resources, recycle,	hydroelectric, greenhouse gas, fossil
		land-use, trade, civilisation, work,	reuse, reduce, lifestyle, finite, infinite,	fuel, global warming, interdependence
		construction, transport, tourism, leisure,		

	Why are jungles so wet and deserts so dry?	change, factor, environment, landscape, fieldwork, foreign, international weather, season, physical, human, environment, country, location, dry, hot, cold, damp, wet, mild (common synonyms and shades of meaning for temperature words), natural, continent, desert, polar, tropical, temperate, ocean, landscape, river, habitat	contribution, impact, waste, atmosphere, consumption, farm (wind, solar), depend, moral climate, zone, drought, economic, graph, inhabit(ed), uninhabit(ed), humid, average, prevailing, direction, data, source	jungle, Equator, hemisphere, biome, tributaries, topography, mountain, precipitation
	Why do some earthquakes cause more damage?	physical, human, process, natural, environment, location, place	magnitude, (natural) disaster, cause and effect, impact, distribution, scale, fault, construction, infrastructure, poverty, development, prepare, average, characteristic, crust, core, mantle, response, factor, hazard, significant, direction (Compass Points)	earthquake, epicentre, Richter Scale, (Tectonic) plates, Equator, hemisphere, volcano
UKS2 (Y5/6)	How do volcanoes affect the lives of people living on Hiemaey?	physical process, landscape, precipitation, adaptation, volcano, mountain, coast, topography, season, crust, mantle, core, continent, ocean, environment, distribution, trade, economic, transport, tourism, settlement, energy, resources, hazard	evacuate, island, remote, constraint, factory, solidify, interaction, composite, evaluate, judgement, empathise	archipelago, fjord, growing season, tectonic plates, Mid-Atlantic Ridge,
	What is a river?	river, source, landscape, hazard, habitat, pollution, water cycle, interdependence, trade, transport, settlement, physical process	meander, plain, course, profile, port, dock, finance (ial), commercial, erosion, relief, flood conclusion, judgement	estuary, confluence, tributaries, flood plain, ecosystem, monsoon,

Why are mountains so	mountain, landscape, environment, tectonic	range, sanitation, amenities, region	fold mountain, strata, reservoir, valley,
important?	plates, crust, mantle, core, fossil, location,		hydroelectric
·	growing season, tourism, leisure, renewable,		
	energy, conservation, economic, resources,		
	recycle, reuse, reduce, energy, climate,		
	precipitation, physical process,		
Who are Britain's National	climate, economy, trajectory, attraction,	enhance, conflict, management, heritage,	viaduct, biodiversity, moorland, upland
Parks for?	advantage, disadvantage, diverse,	culture, tradition, attraction, access, right, roam,	
	distribution, recreation, zone, endangered,	wilderness, political, feature, evaluate,	
	conservation, hazard, tourism, visitor,	judgement	
	leisure, landscape, urban, rural, location,		
	physical, human, process, land-use,		
	environment, economic, natural resources,		
	deciduous, coniferous, relief,		
Why is fairtrade fair?	trade, manufacture, produce, producer,	fair, ethical, consumer, cooperate, premium,	Fairtrade, cooperative
	consume, foreign, international, port, dock,	guarantee, domestic, moral, estuary, route	
	trade, export, import, interdependence		
How is climate change	human process, climate, tide, impact,	assumption, emission, mitigation, surge, scale,	heat wave, desertification, wildfire,
affecting the world?	landscape, renewable, environment,	estuary, drought	tidal surge, carbon footprint
	conservation, sustainable, hazard, ice sheet,		
	atmosphere, coast, interdependence,		
	settlement, land-use		