

Geography Vocabulary

Use these words to help students learn about places and find examples of the themes of geography: characteristics of a place, location, movement, region, relationships in a place.

K-1	2	3	4	5	6-8
above around below down home in inside left map middle neighborhood out outside right up	alley city community country county direction east far map key north sign south state street trade west	border boundary cardinal direction compass distance environment location global metropolitan northeast northwest North Pole pollution population resource southeast southwest South Pole symbol urban	altitude Antarctic Circle Arctic Circle area continent eastern equator exact location flood control hemisphere journey landform latitude longitude mobility navigate population density province rain forest region technology time zone western	absolute location central business district deforestation desertification developed developing ecosystem human characteristics intermediate direction irrigation land use legend migration natural vegetation physical characteristics raw material relative location rural urban	agriculture cartography geographical map industrialization international linear scale linkage manufacturing industry international dateline meridian political map population distribution Prime Meridian raw material relief map revolution rotation settlement patterns shifting cultivation taiga terrace thematic map tropic

Note: Use words from other grades as relevant.

Performance Descriptors: Draw pictures or find pictures that show what each word means; translate the words; use these words to describe and explain a place.