

Geography: Passport to Europe

Year 4

Key Vocabulary

Continent	One of the seven large land masses on the earth's surface surrounded by sea.
Europe	One of the 7 continents of the world and the one in which we live.
European Union	A group of countries from Europe whose governments work together.
Human Features	Things that are made or built by man.
Physical Features	Anything that is on this earth naturally and was already here.
Mountain Range	A series of mountains arranged in a line and connected by high ground.
Contours	An imaginary line on a map that connects points of equal value. These show how high a mountain or hill is above sea level.
Land use	How humans use a piece of land.
Economy	A system that allows people and countries to make money and goods.
Climate	The general, long-term weather pattern in an area/region
Canyon	A long, narrow valley with steep sides and often a stream flowing through it.
Glacier	A slowly moving, thick mass of ice that forms on land when fallen snow gets compressed into ice.
Compass Points	One of the 32 marks on the dial of a compass that show direction.

European Union

In the past, countries in Europe have fought against each other and for hundreds of years there were terrible wars which started in Europe. Therefore, something had to be done to stop European countries quarrelling and The European Union was created. 28 out of the 44 countries in Europe have joined together in the European Union and now their leaders make decisions and resolve their Disagreements together.



Europe

There are 44 different countries in Europe. Can the children identify and label where some of these are on a map?



North America

There are 23 different countries in North America. Can the children identify and label where some of these are on a map?

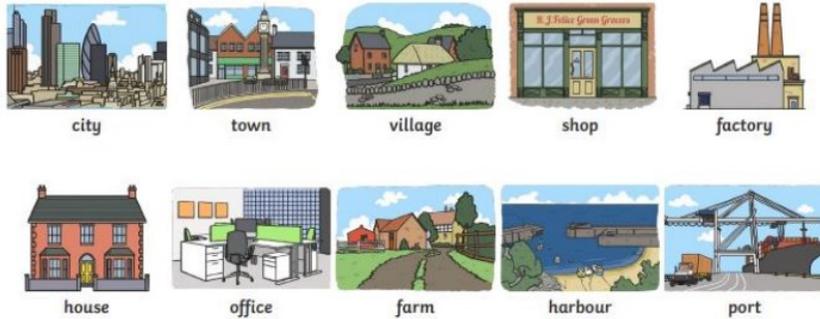


South America

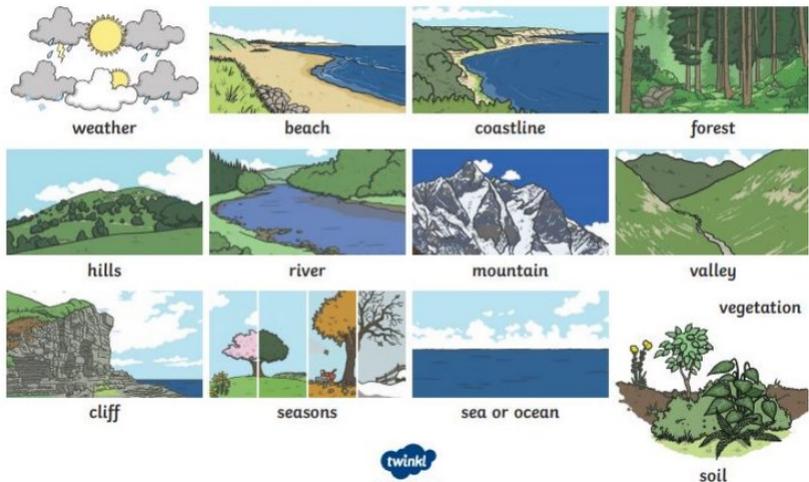
There are 12 different countries in South America. Can the children identify and label where some of these are on a map?



Human Features



Physical Features



The Alps

The Alps are the highest and most extensive mountain range in Europe. They stretch around 750 miles across 7 alpine countries.



The Rocky Mountains

The Rockies are a major mountain range and the largest mountain range in North America. They stretch around 3000 miles through both the USA and Canada and across 8 different states.

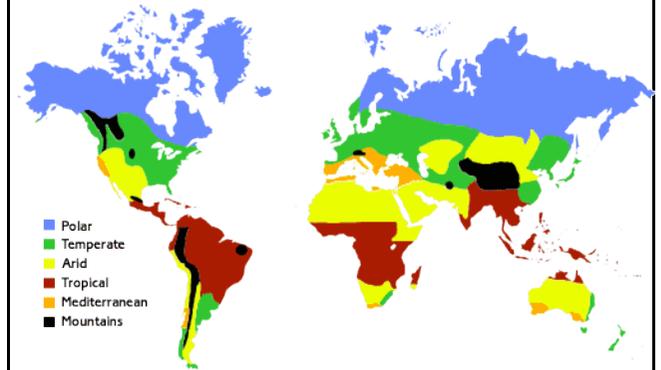


The Lake District

The Lake District is England's largest National Park which is home to 214 fells (hills and mountains). Its highest peak is Scafell Pike and its deepest lake is Wastwater.



Climate



Climate is the average weather condition of a place over a long period of time. The climate of a location is often linked to its location in the world. Places near the equator will have a hotter climate than places near the North and South Poles which will have a colder climate.

Land use

Is the land in The Alps, The Rocky Mountains and The Lake District used in a similar or different way? How?

