

Key Assessment Criteria



Being a geographer

The key assessment criteria for geography have been devised in such a way that they can be applied in all settings, regardless of the agreed programme of study. These criteria allow teachers to assess how well children are developing as geographers.

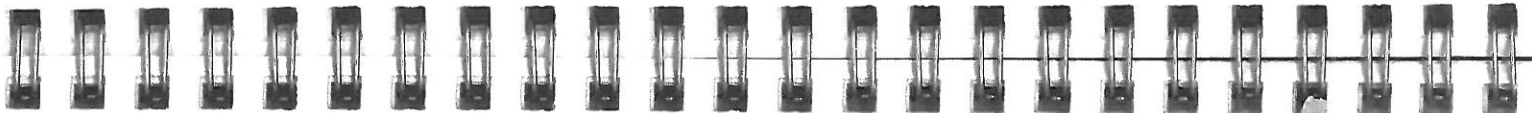
Teachers may wish to supplement these key assessment criteria with other criteria if they feel that this adds value.

In devising the key assessment criteria, judgements had to be made about what is considered age appropriate in line with the key stage programmes of study. These have been tested and evaluated by class teachers.

In presenting these criteria, there is no suggestion that this is the only 'correct' sequence; but rather a suggestion to help teachers plan and assess.

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A year 1 geographer	A year 2 geographer	A year 3 geographer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can keep a weather chart and answer questions about the weather. I can explain where I live and tell someone my address. I can explain some of the main things that are in hot and cold places. I can explain the clothes that I would wear in hot and cold places. I can explain how the weather changes throughout the year and name the seasons. I can name the four countries in the United Kingdom and locate them on a map. I can name some of the main towns and cities in the United Kingdom. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can say what I like and do not like about the place I live in. I can say what I like and do not like about a different place. I can describe a place outside Europe using geographical words. I can describe some of the features of an island. I can describe the key features of a place from a picture using words like beach, coast, forest, hill, mountain, ocean, valley. I can explain how jobs may be different in other locations. I can explain how an area has been spoilt or improved and give my reasons. I can explain the facilities that a village, town and city may need and give reasons. I can name the continents of the world and locate them on a map. I can name the world oceans and locate them on a map. I can name the capital cities of England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland. I can find where I live on a map of the United Kingdom. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can use the correct geographical words to describe a place. I can use some basic Ordnance Survey map symbols. I can use grid references on a map. I can use an atlas by using the index to find places. I can describe how volcanoes are created. I can locate and name some of the world's most famous volcanoes. I can describe how earthquakes are created. I can name a number of countries in the northern hemisphere. I can name and locate the capital cities of neighbouring European countries.



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A year 4 geographer	A year 5 geographer	A year 6 geographer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can carry out research to discover features of villages, towns or cities. I can plan a journey to a place in England. I can collect and accurately measure information (e.g. rainfall, temperature, wind speed, noise levels etc). I can explain why people may be attracted to live in cities. I can explain why people may choose to live in one place rather than another. I can locate the Tropic of Cancer and Tropic of Capricorn. I can explain the difference between the British Isles, Great Britain and the United Kingdom. I know the countries that make up the European Union. I can find at least six cities in the UK on a map. I can name and locate some of the main islands that surround the United Kingdom. I can name the areas of origin of the main ethnic groups in the United Kingdom and in our school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can plan a journey to a place in another part of the world, taking account of distance and time. I can explain why many cities are situated on or close to rivers. I can explain why people are attracted to live by rivers. I can explain the course of a river. I can name and locate many of the world's most famous rivers in an atlas. I can name and locate many of the world's most famous mountainous regions in an atlas. I can explain how a location fits into its wider geographical location with reference to human and economical features. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can use Ordnance Survey symbols and 6 figure grid references. I can answer questions by using a map. I can use maps, aerial photographs, plans and e-resources to describe what a locality might be like. I can describe how some places are similar and dissimilar in relation to their human and physical features. I can name the largest desert in the world and locate desert regions in an atlas. I can identify and name the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn as well as the Arctic and Antarctic Circles. I can explain how time zones work and calculate time differences around the world.