



Subject: Map Skills

Focus: Use a range of skills and resources to understand geographical features of different countries.

Knowledge	Vocabulary	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A globe is used to locate different countries, towns or cities. 2. A map has OS symbols on which can help identify what exists in geographical regions. 3. OS symbols help to identify physical and human characteristics of: cities, rivers, mountains, hills, key topographical features and land-use patterns. 4. An atlas has an index and a contents page to help find countries, towns and cities. 5. A key is used to help the audience identify certain features on a map. 6. A compass has 8 points: north, south, east, west, north-east, north-west, south-east, south-west. 7. Coordinates are used to help locate features on a map or grid. 	Globe	A spherical object that can be used to locate continents and countries around the World.
	Continent	A continent is one of seven very large landmasses. There is: Africa, Asia, North America, South America, Europe, Antarctica and Arctic.
	Country	A nation with its own Government, occupying a particular territory.
	Ordnance Survey Symbol	Symbols on a map that make it easier to read.
	Atlas	A book that can be used to help learn more about any country or continent.
	Key	This can be referred to in order to help locate something on a map.
	Compass	An instrument containing a magnetised pointer which shows the direction of magnetic north and bearings from it.
	Coordinates	A set of values that show an exact position.
	Physical characteristics	Physical geography focuses on natural processes of the earth, including climate and plate tectonics.
	Human Characteristics	Human geography studies the effect and behaviour of humans and how they relate to the physical world