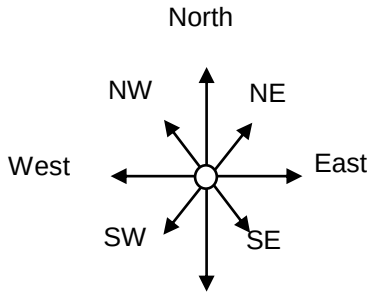
Geography Knowledge organiser – Unit 1: Foundations of Geography

1. Keywords	
Globe	A 3D, spherical object that can only ever represent the whole of the world.
Map	A 2D representation of the world. Maps can also 'zoom' in on specific places.
Atlas	A catalogue of maps in one book.
Continent	A large area of land mass.
Ocean	A large body of water.
Hemisphere	Earth is split into the Northern and Southern Hemisphere alongside the Western and Eastern Hemisphere.
2. Key words	
Lines of latitude	Imaginary lines that run around the world. Also known as parallels.
Lines of longitude	Imaginary lines that run from the North Pole to the South Pole. Also known as meridians.
Precipitation	Water droplets in clouds become too heavy and fall as rain, snow, sleet or hail.
Altitude	The distance/height above sea level.
Orbit	A repeated path that an object takes around another object.

3. Compass directions



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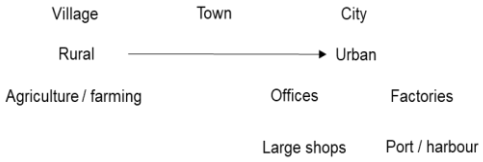
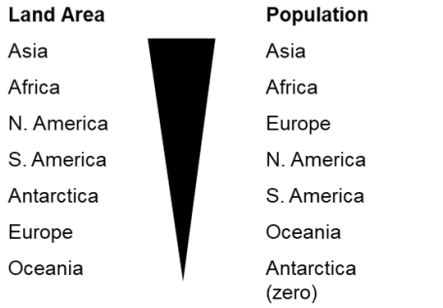


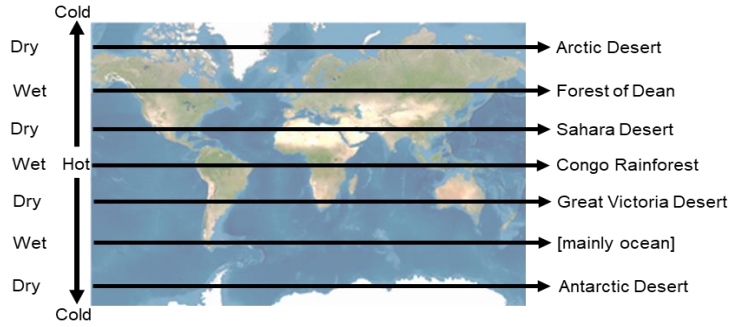
4. Oceans, continents, lines of latitude & longitude



6. Command words

Describe	Set out characteristics
Explain	Set out purpose or reason
Justify	Support a case with evidence
Assess	Make an informed judgement
Discuss	Present all key points about different ideas or strengths and weaknesses of an idea
Compare	Identify similarities and differences

5. Landscapes

Mountains	Over time their height decreases. Their peaks and ridges become smoother.
Rivers	A source of a river can be from a spring or a glacier and their mouth is a sea/lake.
Coasts	Can have rocky outcrops or sandy beaches. The sea shapes the coastline.
Forests	A large area of trees. The types of trees found in a forest depend on their location.
Deserts	Max 250mm of precipitation per year. We get hot and cold deserts.

Global forests and deserts