

Parent and Carer Information: Key Stage 2 Geography (Ages 7 - 11)

This guide helps you to track the progress of your child as they develop through the subject of geography in years 3 to 6. During this time, children learn the key skills that form the basis of their geography education, including both human and physical geography. Practising these skills at home can be a great way to boost your child's confidence and complement what they learn in the classroom. This guide outlines how you, as parents and carers, can best support your child's educational geography journey, with an easy-to-follow flowchart of what they will learn and clear goals for you to work on together.

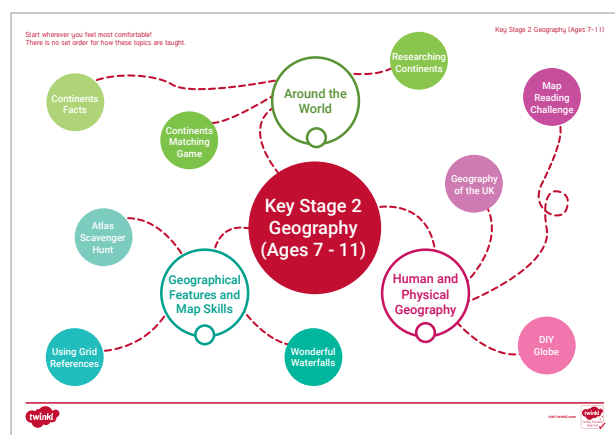
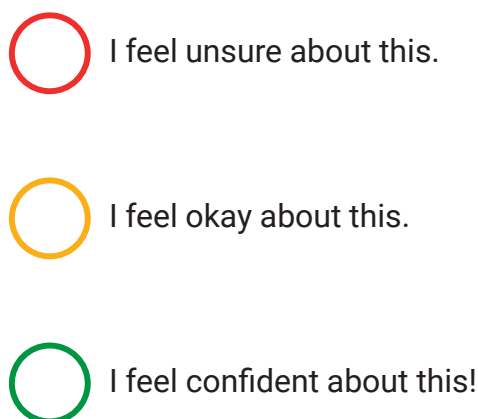
Click on each topic to head to the relevant category on the Twinkl website to find super resources to support your child.



Alternatively, you can follow the web url www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/parents to get to the Twinkl Parents Hub.

We have also included handy tick boxes, so you can easily check off when you have covered each topic, and you can keep on track with your child's studies. You can also use the 'traffic light' system to record your child's confidence, and how they feel about the topic you have covered together.

Stick the other pages together to create a display poster for both you and your child to fill in. Complete with handy tick boxes, this chart is ideal for helping to support your child's studies from home.



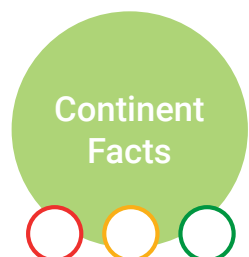
We hope you find the information on our website and resources useful. The contents of this resource are for general, informational purposes only. This guide is intended to offer parents general guidance on what subject areas tend to be covered in their child's year group and where they could support their children at home. However, please be aware that every child is different and information can quickly become out of date. There are some subject areas that we have intentionally not covered due to the nature of how they are taught or because a trained professional needs to teach these areas. We try to ensure that the information in our resources is correct but every school teaches the national curriculum in its own way. If you would like further guidance or are unsure in any way, we recommend that you speak to your child's teacher or another suitably qualified professional.



Your child will start to extend their knowledge and understanding beyond the local area to include the United Kingdom and Europe, North and South America. This will include the location and characteristics of a range of the world's most important human (made by people) and physical (made naturally) features.



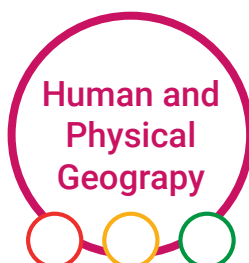
Revisit the continents with your child. Have a globe, map or atlas handy so that your child can be independent in deciding which continent is which. Encourage your child to look things up, rather than to ask; this can help build independence. Try these matching cards as a fun way to practise the continents. For an extra challenge, why not see if they can position the cards in a way that represents their real location?



Once your child has mastered finding the continents, it is helpful to know a few useful facts about each one. While the Internet is great for researching this, a great starting point for memorising a fact for each continent is to this fortune teller. Once they've learnt these facts, why not encourage your child to make their own?



If your child is interested in learning more about each of the continents, then why not help them make their own mini-book? This template has a picture of each continent and enough space for your child to research and record three or four facts about each area. They could colour in the continents and draw images to represent each region.



Your child will use maps to focus on the countries of Europe, North America and South America, concentrating on key physical and human characteristics. They will also learn to name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics. In relation to earth, children will start to identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, equator, northern hemisphere, southern hemisphere and time zones (including day and night).



Challenge your child to find out about the geographical features of South America by reading this map.



During key stage 2, your child will refine their understanding of human and physical features. You could try combining these matching cards with some Internet research into the locations of the characteristics. Why not challenge your child to locate each feature on a map of the UK or encourage them to create their own set of cards for a country of their choice?

DIY Globe

Making your own globe together is a great practical activity to try at home. You could then look up the meaning of equator, northern hemisphere, southern hemisphere, the tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic circles and the prime meridian. Together, label them on your globe or make a poster to show where they are.

Geographical Features and Map Skills

At this stage, your child will also learn about physical and human features in more detail, including rivers, mountains, volcanoes, earthquakes and the water cycle. Your child will also practise geographical skills and fieldwork using maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping. Your child will learn about OS maps, eight compass points and how grid references are used to pin-point a location.

Atlas Scavenger Hunt

Challenge your child to an atlas scavenger hunt to see if they can find a selection of human and physical features.

Using Grid References

Your child will begin to locate features on a map using four-figure and then six-figure grid references.

Wonderful Waterfalls

Your child will discover natural features, such as volcanoes, mountains and rivers as well as human settlements. Help to bring your child's learning to life by making your own pop-up model to help them understand how waterfalls are formed.

Explore and Discover More

Twinkl Go! is a digital platform, hosting interactive content such as videos, games, audiobooks and more. Twinkl Go! enables digital content to be streamed to your computer or mobile device.



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Twinkl Boost is a range of intervention resources, created to support and lift learning with children at every level. These include our easy-to-use SATs and Phonics Screening resources.



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Imagine resources are designed to help your children to think creatively, question and imagine. Every week, a new topic consisting of five photos, each with related activities, is created.

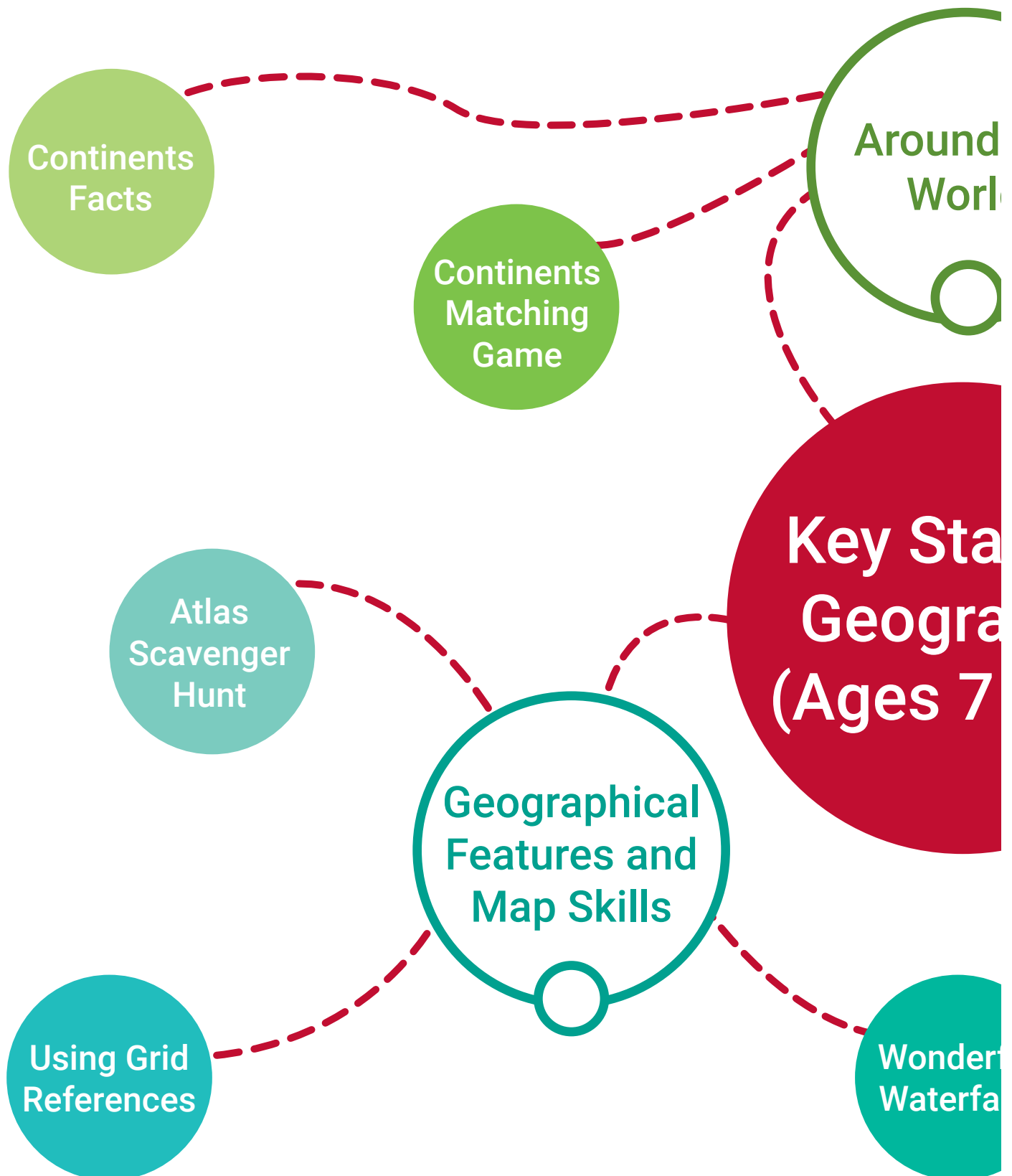
Twinkl Originals are engaging stories written to inspire pupils from EYFS to KS2. Designed to encourage a love of reading and help curriculum-wide learning through accompanying resources.



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KIDS' TV

Twinkl Kids' TV is our wonderful YouTube channel dedicated to fun and informative video-style resources full of new and creative activities you can try at home!

Start wherever you feel most comfortable!
There is no set order for how these topics are taught.



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