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| **Topic: Countries and cities of the world** | | | | **Strand: Geographical Skills and Fieldwork** | | |
| **What should I already know?** | | | | **Vocabulary** | | |
| * The **town** I live in is called Haywards Heath (West Sussex, England) * West Sussex is in England, which is a **country** * England, which is in the United Kingdom, is in the **continent** of Europe * The seven **continents** (including Europe) and the five **oceans** * The similarities and differences between Haywards Heath and Nairobi, the **capital city** of Kenya. Kenya is in the **continent** of Africa * The main **climate zones** across the world and the **biomes** that can be found there. | | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | Atlas | Book of maps | | Biome | A natural area of the living world which has its own **climate, vegetation** and animals | | Capital city | The **city** where the government sit. London is the **capital city** of England and the UK | | City | A large town. London is a **city** | | Climate | The general weather conditions that are typical of a place | | Climate zone | Sections of the earth that are divided according to the climate There are three main **climate zones**: polar, **temperate and tropical** | | Coasts | An area of land that is next to the **sea** | | Compass points | Any of the main points of a compass: north, south, east, west, north-east, north-west, south-east, south-west | | Continent | A very large area of land that consists of many **countries**. Europe is a **continent** | | Country | An area of land that is controlled by its own government | | Desert | A large area of land, usually in a hot region, where there is almost no water, rain, trees or plants | | Equator | An imaginary line around the middle of the Earth at an equal distance from the North Pole and the South Pole | | Globe | A ball-shaped object with a map of the world on it | | Human geography | Features of land that have been impacted by human activity | | Landmark | A building or feature which is easily recognised | | Language | The communication of a particular **country** or people | | Ocean | One of the five very large areas of salt water on the Earth’s surface | | Physical geography | Natural features of the world | | Population | All the people who live in a **country** or area | | Sea | A large area of salty water that is part of an **ocean** | | Tectonic | Relating to the structure of the Earth’s surface or crust | | Temperate | A place which is never extremely hot or extremely cold | | Tourist | A person who is visiting a place for pleasure and interest, especially when they are on holiday | | Trade | The activity of buying, selling, or exchanging goods or services | | Tropical | Parts of the world that lie between the imaginary lines: **Tropic** of Cancer and the **Tropic** of Capricorn. The **tropics** have a humid **climate**, where the weather is hot and damp | | Tundra | A flat layer of land where the top layer is frozen. There is hardly any **vegetation** | | Vegetation | Plants, trees and flowers | | | |
| **Geographical skills and fieldwork** | | | |
| * Find the countries using a map, an **atlas** and a **globe**. What are the skills you need to use each of these? * Compare the **human** and **physical geographical features** of the **countries** saying how they are similar and different. How can you present this information in different ways (eg Carroll and Venn diagrams) * Research the different **climate zones** in each country * Research the average temperature for each of the **countries** and create a chart to show this * Observe aerial view photographs to compare **countries** and **climate zones** * Use the compass points to describe the **countries** in relation to each other | | | |
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| **Country** | **Capital City** | **Continent** | **Human Geography** | | **Physical Geography** |
| France | Paris | Europe | * Famous **landmarks**: Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Disneyland Paris * **Trade**: farming, fashion, wine * High levels of **tourism** * Main **language**: French | | * Mountain ranges including the Alps * Rivers, including the Seine * Warm summers and cool winters (**temperate**) * Has **coasts** on the English Channel |
| Russia | Moscow | Europe | * Famous **landmarks**: St Basil’s Cathedral * **Trade**: energy (oil, gas and coal) * Largest **population** in Europe * Main **language**: Russian | | * Largest country in Europe by land * Due to its size, there are many **climate** zones * Has a **coast** on the Arctic **Ocean** – this part of Russia consists of a **tundra biome** |
| United States of America (USA) | Washington DC | North America | * Famous **landmarks**: the White House in Washington DC and the Statue of Liberty in New York * **Trade**: Farming, technology, **tourism** * High levels of **tourism** * Divided into states * Main **language**: English | | * Mountain ranges including the Rocky Mountains * Niagara Falls: waterfall * Due to its size there are many **climate** zones including **deserts** and Arctic **tundra** * Has **coasts** on the Atlantic and Pacific **oceans** * Lies on the edge of a **tectonic** plate |
| Brazil | Brasilia | South America | * Famous **landmarks**: Christ the Redeemer statue * Famous for the carnival held in Rio de Janeiro * **Trade**: sugar, coffee * Main **language**: Portuguese | | * Amazon rainforest **biome** and river * **Tropical climate** * Lies on the line of the **equator** * **Coasts** on the Atlantic **ocean** |
| Egypt | Cairo | Africa | * Famous **landmarks**: the Great Pyramid of Giza * Suez canal joins the Mediterranean and Red seas * Popular for **tourists** due to hot weather and pyramids * Main **language**: Arabic | | * Hot, dry **climate** – consists of **desert biomes** * River Nile * **Coasts** on the Mediterranean and Red **seas** * Lies on the line of the **Tropic** of Cancer |