

Knowledge Organiser: Geography NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA

Inquiry Question: Would you rather live in North or South America?

In Year 3, you learnt:

- The counties of the UK
- Urban, rural and coastal environments
- Human and physical features

Key Vocabulary

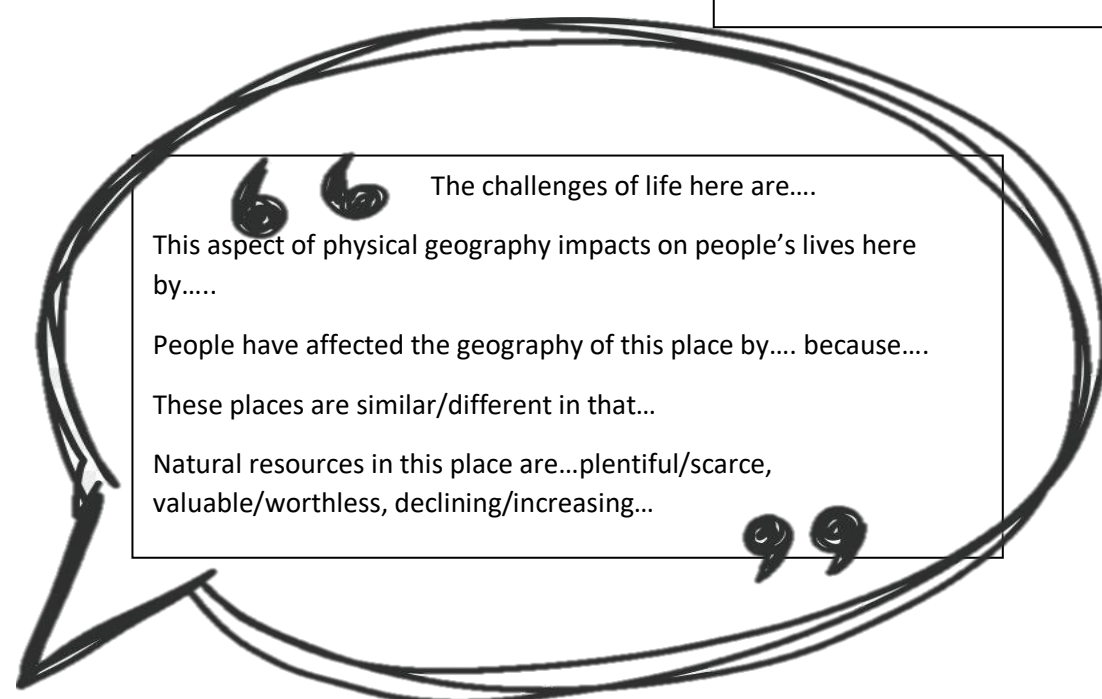
greenhouse	valley	warm	polytunnel	humid	contour
intensive farming	height	Tropics	arable farming	hydroponics	evaporation
market gardening	allotment	precipitation	mixed farming	distribution	condensation
organic farming	import	hemisphere	distance	export	productivity
scale	native/ indigenous	natural resources	grid reference	sustainable	man-made materials
satellite	weathering/ erosion	hemisphere	settlement patterns	natural disaster	tropical
inland	ox-bow lake	polar	Equator	spring (water)	trade

The challenges of life here are....

This aspect of physical geography impacts on people's lives here by....

People have affected the geography of this place by.... because....

These places are similar/different in that...

 Natural resources in this place are...plentiful/scarce,
valuable/worthless, declining/increasing...


Key Learning

• North America is in the Northern hemisphere. • South America is in the Southern hemisphere. • The Equator runs through Ecuador, Colombia and Brazil. • The Tropic of Cancer is in the Northern hemisphere; the Tropic of Capricorn is in the Southern hemisphere. • The Arctic Circle and Antarctic Circle are the most northerly and southerly part of the World respectively.	• Locate the countries of Europe and North/South America on a map. • Wealth and resources are distributed unevenly across different parts of the World. • Human actions have a significant impact of the physical geography of a place. • Most people think there are 12 countries in South America and 3 dependencies (although not everyone agrees)	• There are 23 countries in North America including Canada, the Central American countries and the Caribbean Islands. • Natural features of North and South America include (but are not limited to): The Grand Canyon, Niagara Falls, The Rocky Mountains, Angel Falls, The River Amazon and the Amazon rainforest, The Atacama Desert, Kilauea Volcano and the Andes.
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