

Project glossary

atlas

A book of maps that show the geographical features of an area.

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capital city

The most important city in a country, where the government is based.

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cardinal point

One of the four main points of the compass, such as north, south, east or west.

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climate

The usual weather conditions of a place.

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compass

An instrument used for showing the direction.

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continent

A large area of land.

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country

An area of land with its own government.

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data

A collection of facts, such as numbers, words or measurements.

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equator

An imaginary line around the middle of the Earth.

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globe

A ball-shaped object with a map of the world on its surface.



human feature

A feature made by humans, such as a shop, road and school.

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key

A list of the symbols used on a map with a description of what they mean.

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landfill

Holes in the ground that are filled with rubbish.

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map

A picture or drawing of an area that shows human and physical features.

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North Pole

The northernmost point of the world.

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Northern Hemisphere

The half of the world above the equator.

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ocean

A large area of salty water that covers part of the Earth's surface, larger than a sea.

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physical feature

A feature that has been formed naturally, such as a mountain, lake and river.

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population

The number of people living in a particular place.

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recycle

To make items into new ones.



sea

An area of salty water that covers part of the Earth’s surface, smaller than an ocean.

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South Pole

The southernmost point of the world.

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Southern Hemisphere

The half of the world below the equator.

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sustainability

The ability to keep the Earth’s environment and its natural resources for future generations.

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symbol

A picture that represents a physical or human feature on a map.

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temperate

Not very hot or very cold.

