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Where am I?



I know that the UK is short for the United Kingdom

I know that the pond can be described in relation to other objects, such as being near, far away from, or behind the plants.

I know that an aerial photograph is a picture taken from above, showing a bird's-eye view of a place.

I know that symbols on a map can represent places, and a specific symbol can be used to show a shop.

I know that a map is used to help people find their way and understand where things are located.

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Would you prefer to live in a hot or a cold place?



I know that the equator is an imaginary line around the middle of the Earth and places near it are usually hot.

I know that there are seven continents in the world.

I know that the South Pole is in Antarctica, which is a very cold place.

I know that the North Pole is in the Arctic Ocean and it is also very cold.

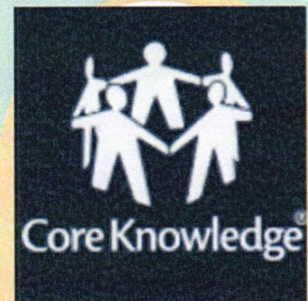
I know that different places in the world have different climates—some are hot and some are cold.

I know what clothes and items I would need to pack for a hot place and for a cold place.

I know that where people live can affect what they wear, eat, and do.

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What is it like to live in Shanghai?



I know that Shanghai is a city in China.

I know what a physical feature is, like a river, hill, or beach that is made by nature.

I know what a human feature is, like a road, bridge, or building that is made by people.

I know that a river is a physical feature.

I know that cities like Shanghai have both physical and human features.

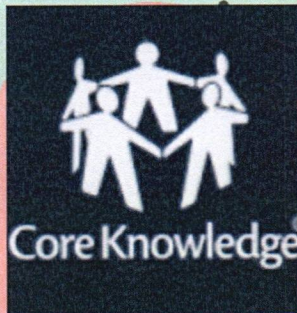
I know how to look at a place and say if it has more human or physical features and explain why.

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What is the weather like in the UK?



I know the names of the four countries in the UK:
England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

I know that there are four seasons in a year:
Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter.

I know that different seasons have different types of weather:
For example, summer is usually warm and sunny, and winter is often cold and snowy.

I know how to describe the weather using words like:
sunny, cloudy, rainy, windy, snowy.

I know that a compass shows direction and helps us find North, South, East, and West.

I know how to look at a picture and say what season it might be, using clues like clothes, trees, and weather.

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Why is our world wonderful?



I know the capital cities of the UK: London, Cardiff, Edinburgh, and Belfast.

I know that Cardiff is the capital city of Wales.

I know that Edinburgh is in the north of the UK.

I know that the Tower of London is a famous landmark in London.

I know how to give directions from one UK capital city to another using words like north, south, east, and west.

I know that our world is full of amazing places, landmarks, and natural features that make it special.

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What is it like to live by the coast?



I know that the sea is a large area of salt water.

I know that the UK is surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean and the North Sea, but not the Pacific Ocean.

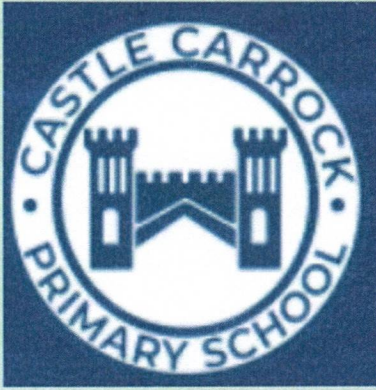
I know that the English Channel is to the south of the UK.

I know that a coast is the land next to the sea or ocean.

I know that coasts have physical features like beaches, cliffs, and rock pools.

I know what it might be like to live by the coast and how it is different from living inland.

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Who lives in Antarctica?



I know that the Antarctic Circle is a line of latitude near the South Pole.

I know that when it is summer in the Northern Hemisphere, it is winter in the Southern Hemisphere.

I know that Antarctica is at the most southern point on the globe.

I know that the polar climate zone is extremely cold with little rainfall.

I know that nobody lives in Antarctica permanently, but researchers visit and stay for short periods.

I know that the Antarctic Treaty helps protect Antarctica and keeps it a peaceful place.

I know that Ernest Shackleton is famous for bringing all his crew home safely after their ship sank in Antarctica.

I know how to use a compass to find directions like north-west and south-west.

I know how to use grid references to find features on a map.

I know that people don't live in Antarctica permanently because of the extreme cold and harsh conditions.

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Are all settlements the same?



I know that a city is the largest type of settlement.

I know that settlements can have different patterns, like dispersed, nucleated, or linear.

I know that urban areas have entertainment and leisure facilities.

I know that rural areas have countryside to enjoy and are usually quieter.

I know that a physical feature is something natural, like an area of woodland.

I know how to use compass directions like north-east and south-west to describe locations.

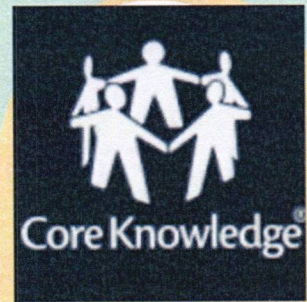
I know that residential land use means land used for houses and apartment blocks.

I know that New Delhi is a city in India, Asia.

I know that cities have both human features (like buildings and roads) and physical features (like rivers and hills).

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What are rivers and how are they used?



I know that the water cycle is the never-ending movement of water from water stores, into the air, and back to the ground.

I know that precipitation is water that falls from clouds as rain, sleet, snow, or hail.

I know that evaporation is when warm water turns from a liquid into a gas.

I know that glaciers, rivers, and oceans are water stores, but evaporation is not.

I know that rivers have different parts called courses: upper, middle, and lower.

I know that features like estuaries are found in the lower course of a river.

I know that the River Severn is the longest river in the UK.

I know that the River Nile is the longest river in Africa.

I know that bridges are human features often found in river environments.

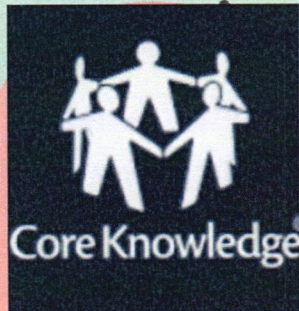
I know that humans use rivers for transport, farming, drinking water, and recreation.

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Why do people live near volcanoes?



- I know that we live on the Earth's crust.
- I know that the mantle is the layer of the Earth made of magma.
- I know that tectonic plates are pieces of the Earth's crust that move.
- I know that a plate boundary is where two tectonic plates meet or move apart.
- I know that volcanoes, mountains, and earthquakes can happen at plate boundaries.
- I know that a volcanic mountain is formed when magma erupts from the Earth.
- I know the main types of volcanoes are composite volcanoes and shield volcanoes.
- I know that an extinct volcano will never erupt again.
- I know that an earthquake is when the Earth's surface shakes.
- I know how people can prepare for earthquakes to help keep themselves safe.

Why are Rainforests important to us?



- I know that a biome is an area of the world with a similar climate, animals, and vegetation
- I know that the Amazon rainforest is in South America and is part of the tropical forest biome.
- I know that there are four layers in a tropical rainforest: emergent, canopy, understory, and forest floor.
- I know that the emergent layer gets the most sun, wind, and rain.
- I know that buttress roots help keep tall trees steady in wet soil and strong winds.
- I know that indigenous people are native to a land and have lived there before others arrived.
- I know that deforestation means cutting down large areas of trees.
- I know that the Amazon rainforest is important because it helps the planet by absorbing carbon dioxide and supporting biodiversity.

Where does our food come from?



- I know that tropical biomes grow foods like pineapples.
- I know that beef has a larger negative environmental impact than many other foods.
- I know that food miles are the distance food travels to reach us.
- I know that importing food means bringing it in from another country.
- I know that trading responsibly helps workers get fair pay and good working conditions.
- I know how to calculate distances using multiplication (e.g. 5×800).
- I know that qualitative data is based on opinions or feelings, not numbers.
- I know that a questionnaire is a good way to find out how people feel about something.
- I know that swapping one meat-based meal for a vegetarian one can help fight climate change.
- I know that buying local food can reduce food miles and help the environment.

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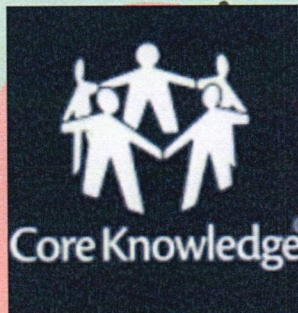
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Why does population change?



- I know that the global population is growing.
- I know that population can grow due to factors like better healthcare.
- I know that birth rate means the number of babies born per 1,000 people each year.
- I know that a sparsely populated area has few people compared to its size.
- I know that migration means the movement of people from one place to another.
- I know that people may migrate involuntarily due to war or danger in their home country.
- I know that a pull factor is something positive that attracts people to a new place.
- I know that London and the South-East are the most populated UK regions because of jobs, transport, and being the capital.
- I know that a Likert scale is used to collect people's opinions.
- I know that a country's death rate might increase due to poor healthcare, war, or natural disasters.

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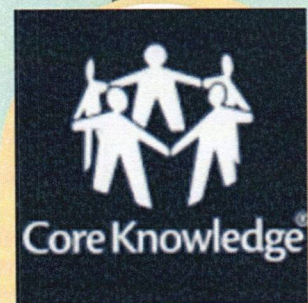
Why do oceans matter?



- I know that evaporation is part of the water cycle and helps move water into the air.
- I know that the Great Barrier Reef is located in Oceania.
- I know that coral reefs are important because they provide food and shelter for many marine species.
- I know that oceans help humans by allowing us to trade goods between countries.
- I know that coral bleaching happens when algae leave the coral, taking away its colour and food.
- I know that biodegradable means something can naturally break down and return to nature.
- I know that global warming can cause sea levels to rise as glaciers melt.
- I know that a healthy marine environment has clean water and is safe for wildlife and people.
- I know that adding bins and reducing plastic waste helps keep marine environments clean.
- I know that we can help protect oceans by making environmentally friendly choices.

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Can I carry out an independent fieldwork enquiry?



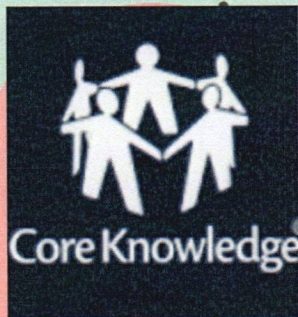
- I know that an enquiry is an investigation into a question.
- I know that a tally chart is useful for collecting data like the number of vehicles passing a point.
- I know that interviews are a good way to collect opinions about a topic.
- I know that a questionnaire should be quick and easy to answer.
- I know that a Likert scale helps capture environmental quality or opinions.
- I know that planning a route before a fieldwork trip helps save time, avoid getting lost, and ensures data is collected in the right places.
- I know that a road map is best for planning a car journey.
- I know that grid references help locate places quickly and accurately on a map.
- I know how to use compass directions to describe the location of places.
- I know that planning a geographical enquiry involves choosing the right methods, tools, and locations for collecting data.

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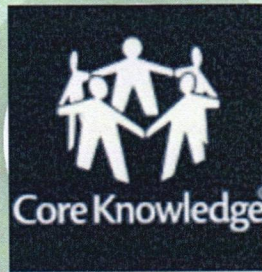
What is life like in the Alps?



- I know that the Alps are located in Europe.
- I know that the Alps are fold mountains.
- I know that Mont Blanc is the highest mountain in the Alps.
- I know that the Alps spread across eight countries.
- I know that the Alps have a Mediterranean and mountain climate.
- I know that temperate deciduous forests can be found in the Alps.
- I know that glaciers are large bodies of ice found in the mountains.
- I know that tourists visit the Alps for skiing, hiking, mountain biking, and sightseeing.
- I know that climate change is causing glaciers in the Alps to melt.
- I know that climate change is affecting the Alps by changing the landscape and environment.

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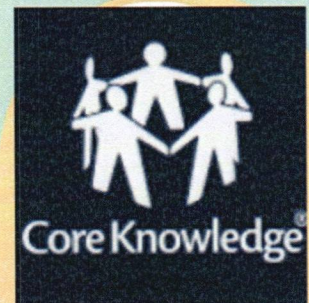
Would you like to live in the desert?



- I know that biomes are areas with a similar climate and landscape, where similar plants and animals live.
- I know that a desert is a place with very little rainfall and sparse vegetation and wildlife.
- I know that hot deserts are hot, dry, and arid for most of the year.
- I know that the Sahara is the largest hot desert in the world.
- I know that the Mojave Desert is located in North America.
- I know that Death Valley National Park is a popular tourist attraction in the Mojave Desert.
- I know that mushroom rocks are formed by wind blowing sand against the lower parts of the rock over thousands of years.
- I know that desertification is when land near a desert becomes dry and arid.
- I know that people use deserts for tourism, farming, mining, and renewable energy like wind and solar power.

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Where does our energy come from?



- I know that we need energy to light and heat buildings and to power transport.
- I know that hydropower generates electricity from the movement of water.
- I know that countries trade energy to support each other and strengthen relationships.
- I know that non-renewable energy sources will eventually run out.
- I know that renewable energy sources will never run out and are better for the environment.
- I know that wind power is the most consumed renewable energy source in the UK.
- I know that the Prime Meridian (Greenwich Meridian) is the line of longitude used to base time zones.
- I know how to use grid references to locate features on a map.
- I know that contour lines on a map show the height of the land.
- I know that non-renewable energy sources are widely used because they are currently easier to access and use.

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