

Mexborough St Johns Primary School – Geography Strand: Place and Locational Knowledge

Topic: North America

Year: 5

What should I already know?



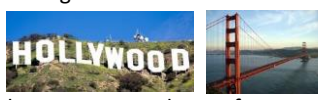


- The town I live in is called Mexborough which is in the borough of Doncaster. Doncaster is located in South Yorkshire.
- Suffolk is in England, which is a **country**. England, which is in the United Kingdom, is in the **continent** of Europe.
- The seven **continents** (including North America) and five oceans.
- The movement of **tectonic** plates can cause **earthquakes**.
- **Deserts** are a **biome** and they have a hot, dry, **climate**

Vocabulary

biome	a natural area of vegetation and animals
city	a large town . London is a city .
climate	the general weather conditions that are typical of it
coastal	an area of land close 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.
earthquake	a shaking of the ground caused by movement of the Earth's crust
equator	an imaginary line around the middle of the Earth at an equal distance from the North Pole and the South Pole.
desert	a large area of land, usually in a hot region, where there is almost no water, rain, trees, or plants (vegetation)
farm	an area of land used to produce crops or to breed animals and livestock.
harbour	a sheltered port so that boats can be left there safely
human features	features of land that have been impacted by human activity
landscape	everything you can see when you look across an area of land, including hills, rivers, buildings, trees, and plants.
mountain	a very high area of land with steep sides
physical features	natural features of land
port	a harbour area where ships loads and unload goods or passengers
river	a large, natural stream of fresh water that flows into the sea or a lake.
tectonic	relating to the structure of the Earth's surface or crust.
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 and services.
weather	any of the main points of a compass: north, south, east, west, north-east, north-west, south-east, south-west
vegetation	plants, trees or flowers
village	a small group of houses, perhaps with a few shops. Great Cornard is a village .

Geographical Skills and Enquiry

- Use aerial photographs to compare the UK and California in the USA. What is the same? What is different?
- Describe the locations of the UK and California in the USA using the eight **compass points**.
- Use a map and atlas to find locations. Where do they appear in an atlas?
- Create a Venn diagram to show similarities and differences between the UK and USA.
- Understand the impact humans are having on cities and towns.

	Human features	Physical features
Doncaster	<p>Doncaster is a large market town and the principal settlement of the Metropolitan Borough of Doncaster in South Yorkshire, England.</p> <p>Yorkshire Wildlife Park is home to the only polar bears in England.</p> 	 <p>River Don The town is named after the River Don which flows through it. Doncaster was part of the West Riding of Yorkshire from 1899. The climate is mild.</p>
USA	<p>There are many cities in California - famous ones include Los Angeles and San Francisco.</p>  <p>There are many places of interest in California, including the Golden Gate Bridge and the Hollywood sign. This means that there are lots of tourists.</p> <p>The biggest trades in California are technology, farming and entertainment.</p> <p>California has nearly 40 million people living there.</p>	 <p>Sierra Nevada mountain range</p>  <p>Mojave Desert</p> <p>California lies on the edge of a tectonic plate - earthquakes occur there.</p> <p>The climate varies depending on where in the state you are.</p>

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Question 1: Doncaster is in the UK, which is in the continent of	Start of unit:	End of unit:
Europe		
North America		
South America		
Africa		

Question 2: Mexborough is in the __ of the UK	Start of unit:	End of unit:
north		
east		
south		
west		

Question 3: California lies by the:	Start of unit:	End of unit:
Pacific Ocean		
Atlantic Ocean		
Indian Ocean		
American Ocean		

Question 4: Earthquakes happen frequently in California. This is because it lies on the edge of a....	Start of unit:	End of unit:
coast		
continent		
tectonic plate		
desert		

Question 5: The equator is	Start of unit:	End of unit:
Circle around the earth		
Lines going up and down the earth		
Not a real line		

Question 6: Which of these are famous sights in the USA?	Start of unit:	End of unit:
Big Ben		
Golden Gate Bridge		
Hollywood sign		
Buckingham Palace		

Question 7: Europe and North America are both...	Start of unit:	End of unit:
countries		
cities		
continents		
towns		

Question 8: A place where ships can load and unload goods is called a...	Start of unit:	End of unit:
desert		
mountain		
port		
farm		

Question 9: Climate Change is...	Start of unit:	End of unit:
Starting to get really cold		
A change in average conditions		
Starting to get really warm		
earthquakes happen frequently in both places		

Question 10: A cause of climate change is (tick all that apply)	Start of unit:	End of unit:
Fossil fuels		
Rubbish in the oceans		
Deforestation		
Not recycling		