

Key vocabulary not included in two previous knowledge maps

Tectonic plate The earth's crust (the land we stand on) is actually made up of huge plates. These move around very slowly, and where they rub against each other, mountains are created.

Country An area which has its own government. Around the edge of this area is what we call a boundary or border.

Continent Enormous area of land. Can contain many countries. There are seven of these in the world.

Sea A large area of salt water, smaller than an ocean. Sometimes cut off from the rest of the world's oceans by being surrounded by land.

Ocean A vast body of salt water covering three quarters of the Earth's surface.

Physical features like seas, mountains and rivers are natural. They would be here even if there were no people around

Human features like houses, roads and bridges are things that have been built by people

India

Geography Y5: Location, physical and human features

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Where is India and what are the main geographical features? India is a vast country in South Western Asia. It has a large population of around 1.4 billion people. The Himalyan mountain range in the very north of India contains some of the highest mountains in the world. The Southern tip of the India is near the Equator, so it is always warm there. China, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan and Myanmar share its borders. India's capital city is called New Delhi. The country's largest river is the Ganges. India has 29 states. In addition, the Tropic of Cancer runs through India.

What is the climate like in India?

In the North it is very cold which is good for growing tea. In the middle of the country, it is very hot and dry which is good for harvesting oats and wheat. In the South, it is really hot and humid which is great for rice farming.

What do people eat in India? Indian cuisine is made up of spicy vegetables and yoghurt. Indian people eat off metal trays called 'thalis.' Tea is grown in India and is very popular to drink. North India is known for making different types of breads such as chapatis and naan. A traditional drink is called lassi and it is made out of fresh water and yoghurt. People in India eat a lot of rice and curry. A typical Indian meal would contain lots of spice and it is sold by the scoop. Sweets are given out on special occasions.

As well as learning about key features of India's human and physical geography, the children interpret photographs and climate graphs to identify different locations.

