GEOGRAPHY
VOCABULARY
LISTS
If the words of a subject are not understood, the subject itself cannot be well understood and the information one is learning about cannot be easily applied. These lists are to provide you with the basic vocabulary of the subject.

Fully understanding the meanings of all of the basic words of a subject while studying the subject will greatly improve one’s ability in that subject. Also, the action of helping another to fully understand these basic words will increase one’s own understanding and abilities even more.

Without an understanding of the basic words, a person will not be able to fully learn a subject, may feel “stupid” in the subject and may quit studying the subject altogether. The person could even be labeled as “lazy,” “slow,” “a troublemaker,” “sloppy,” “careless,” etc.

We have provided for you here a list of words in this subject in roughly the order a student may have been exposed to the words through his schooling. When you are closing the gaps in a student’s subject understanding by helping him to build a vocabulary in that subject defining the words in this order will help to reduce the use of other more difficult words which may be found in the definitions themselves. In this way you can build from basic terms and then step-by-step up to more complex terms with greater ease.

The lists have been divided up as follows:

*Basic:* these are the most basic words that anyone of any grade would need to know about the subject.

*Level One:* these are the words that a student would usually first come across in grades 1–3 in the American system or for about ages 6/7 to about 9/10.

*Level Two:* these are the words that a student would usually first come across in grades 4–6 in the American system or for about ages 9 to about 11/12.

*Level Three:* these are the words that a student would usually first come across in grade 7 in the American system or about ages 12/13.
The accompanying glossary\(^1\) contains definitions and example sentences for each definition to help in fully understanding the meaning of the word.

**How to Define Words:** Please refer to your *Learning How to Learn* book, the section on “Learning the Meanings of Words,” for the proper way to get words defined.

Editor’s Note: If you are using the Subject Study Guides, follow the directions in the Study Guide.

In unsnarling a student’s ability or understanding of the vocabulary of the subject you can just check with him as to his understanding using the glossary and fill in where needed by helping him to define those terms he does not know. Practice at what he is learning while he is learning it is also needed, most especially if it is a subject that requires function.

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The information on this was derived from the book *Learning How to Learn* and its companion course *Progressive Teaching Tools*. Do the course at your nearest Applied Scholastics™ center or at the Spanish Lake Campus.

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\(^1\) glossary: a list of words and their meanings in alphabetical order.
Basic Geography Vocabulary List

1. solid 15. sun 29. cave
2. liquid 16. road 30. day
3. gas 17. cloud 31. night
4. mass 18. rain 32. weather
5. matter 19. park 33. wind
6. land 20. forest 34. globe
7. water 21. hill 35. surface
8. lake 22. mountain 36. highway
9. ocean 23. river 37. city
10. planet 24. world 38. town
11. earth 25. island 39. geography
12. plant 26. jungle 40. country
13. animal 27. desert 41. state
14. star 28. sea

Level One Geography Vocabulary List

2. volcano 15. South America 27. North Pole
3. valley 16. united 28. South Pole
4. map 17. United States of 29. Antarctica
   America
5. symbol 18. Asia 30. equator
6. distance 19. Africa 31. climate
7. direction 20. Australia 32. fog
8. north 21. Europe 33. fresh water
9. south 22. Atlantic Ocean 34. peninsula
10. east 23. Pacific Ocean 35. community
11. west 24. Indian Ocean 36. Mexico
12. continent 25. Arctic Ocean 37. Canada
13. America

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18. Asia 30. equator
19. Africa 31. climate
20. Australia 32. fog
21. Europe 33. fresh water
22. Atlantic Ocean 34. peninsula
23. Pacific Ocean 35. community
24. Indian Ocean 36. Mexico
25. Arctic Ocean 37. Canada
## Level Two Geography Vocabulary List

1. environment  
2. physical  
3. nature  
4. natural  
5. location  
6. position  
7. rain forest  
8. atmosphere  
9. landfill  
10. landform  
11. land mass  
12. Mississippi River  
13. Missouri River  
14. range  
15. mountain range  
16. Rocky Mountains  
17. earthquake  
18. fault  
19. county  
20. capital city  
21. population  
22. government  
23. capitol  
24. compass  
25. border  
26. flood  
27. calm  
28. brook  
29. creek  
30. blizzard  
31. pond  
32. stream  
33. swamp  
34. breeze  
35. coast  
36. coastline  
37. feature  
38. characteristic  
39. physical characteristic  
40. Central America  
41. hemisphere  
42. Eastern Hemisphere  
43. Western Hemisphere  
44. Northern Hemisphere  
45. Southern Hemisphere  
46. tribe  
47. region  
48. nation  
49. national  
50. national park  
51. international  
52. boundary  
53. international boundary  
54. natural boundary  
55. frontier  
56. passage  
57. Great Lakes  
58. plain  
59. Great Plains  
60. Arctic  
61. civilization  
62. crater  
63. cycle  
64. cyclone  
65. dam  
66. mouth  
67. downstream  
68. upstream  
69. bay  
70. gulf  
71. atlas  
72. harbor  
73. canyon  
74. continental  
75. Continental United States  
76. co-ordinate  
77. degree  
78. latitude  
79. longitude  
80. Fahrenheit  
81. Celsius  
82. Antarctic Circle  
83. Arctic Circle  
84. grid  
85. highlands  
86. interstate highway  
87. Latin America  
88. parallel  
89. legend  
90. scale  
91. marine  
92. Mount Everest  
93. Mount McKinley  
94. North Africa  
95. reference point  
96. resource  
97. South Pacific  
98. time zone  
99. landscape  
100. glacier  
101. comet
# Level Three Geography Vocabulary List

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