



What should I already know?

I know how to use an Atlas to locate key places.
I understand that topography shows mountains and rivers on land.
I know that we live in the continent of Europe.
I know why some people visit South West England.

Geography

Geographers study places and the relationships between people and their environments.

Technical vocabulary

Topography	The study of the forms and features of land surfaces for example mountains, hills and rivers
Mountain	large natural elevation of the earth's surface rising abruptly from the surrounding level
Tourism	to travel somewhere for pleasure and fun, often for a holiday

Where are the Alps?

- The Alps are a large **mountain range** in the middle of **Europe**.
- They are spread over **eight countries**.
- The tallest peak is **Mont Blanc at 4,809 m** above sea level.

What are the Alps like?

- The tops of the mountains are covered in **snow**
- Different types of animals and plants live in **different climate zones**
- When snow and ice melt in the spring and summer, they supply water to the **rivers and lakes** at the foot of the mountains.

Tourism in the Alps

- The Alps can see around **130m visitors** every year for tourism
- Most people visit for **winter sports** such as skiing and snowboarding
- The Alps are also beautiful to visit in the **summer** for walking, climbing, horseback riding or just for relaxing.



Mountains

- **Mountains** are areas of land that are much higher than the land surrounding them.
- They are often found together in a group called a **mountain range**.
- The highest point of a mountain is called the **summit**

Tourism Comparison

- The South West receives significantly **fewer tourists** at 1.1m visitors in 2019.
- The South West offers **coastal and historical tourism** best suited for summer visitors.
- The South West is also harder to get to from **London (airports)**