



Vocabulary I should be able to explain and use from this unit...

Atlas	A collection of maps in a book
North	The direction which is on your left when you are looking towards the direction where the sun rises
South	The direction which is on your right when you are looking towards the direction where the sun rises
Desert	A desert is a very dry place that experiences little rain and therefore plants don't grow there. It is difficult to find water in a desert
Humid	When there is a lot of moisture in the air it is said to be humid. Hot countries are often very humid.
Polar	At the North or South Pole

Metacognition

What am I being asked to do? Which strategies will I use? Are there any strategies that I have used before that might be useful?

Geography

In different places on earth we can expect to find different temperatures and weather. The type of weather that is usually expected is called a climate. The climate of a place does not change day by day or hour to hour and, although you might expect it to be hot in a particular place, it may be colder. A good way to remember the difference between weather and climate is: climate is what you expect to get in a place and weather is what you actually get.

Rainforests are often close to the Equator. They are hot, with lots of rain!

Hot deserts are quite near to the Equator. They are very dry.

The North and South Poles are the coldest places on the planet. Antarctica is very cold, with snow and ice covering much of the area all year round.

How hot or cold a place is affects what plants or animals can live there. People need to wear and use different things for hot places from those for cold ones.

