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Geography Vocabulary List for Year 2

Word	Meaning
Polar Regions – Arctic and Antarctic	
Arctic	The icy region at the top of the Earth
Antarctic	The icy region at the bottom of the Earth
Iceberg	A large floating mass of ice in the sea
Glacier	A river of ice moving slowly over land
Tundra	A cold, treeless landscape
Polar Bear	A large white bear living in the Arctic
Penguin	A flightless bird living in the Antarctic
Blizzard	A severe snowstorm with strong winds
Permafrost	Permanently frozen ground
Northern Lights	Beautiful colorful lights seen in the Arctic sky
Expedition	A journey to explore new places
Sub-zero	Temperatures below freezing point
Seal	A sea animal that lives in polar waters
Climate	The weather conditions typical of a place
Survival	Staying alive in extreme conditions
Galapagos/Kenya	
Galapagos	A group of volcanic islands near Ecuador
Kenya	A country in East Africa
Volcano	A mountain that erupts with lava
Equator	An imaginary line around the middle of the Earth
Savanna	A grassy plain in tropical regions
Endangered	Animals at risk of extinction
Habitat	A place where animals live
Wildlife	Animals living in their natural environment
Mangrove	Trees that grow in coastal water
Tourism	People visiting places for enjoyment

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Indigenous	Native to a specific area
Biodiversity	A wide variety of living things
Ecosystem	A community of plants, animals, and the environment
Conservation	Protecting nature from harm
Culture	The way of life of a group of people
Marvellous Maps	
Map	A drawing showing places and features
Globe	A round model of the Earth
Atlas	A book containing maps
Key	A guide to map symbols
Compass	A tool for finding directions
North	One of the four main compass points
South	One of the four main compass points
East	The direction where the sun rises
West	The direction where the sun sets
Route	A path between places
Aerial Photograph	A photo taken from above
Grid	A set of lines crossing each other to form squares
Coordinates	Numbers that help find a location on a map
Symbol	A picture representing something on a map
Landmark	A feature that is easy to recognize