St Meryl School

Geography Vocabulary List for Year 3

Word	Meaning
The River Thames Basin	
Basin	An area of land drained by a river and its tributaries
River	A natural flowing watercourse
Source	The starting point of a river
Mouth	The place where a river flows into a larger body of water
Tributary	A smaller river that flows into a larger one
Floodplain	Flat land near a river that may flood
Current	The continuous flow of water in a river
Erosion	The wearing away of land by water, wind, or ice
Deposition	The process of dropping sediment in a new location
Estuary	The wide part of a river where it meets the sea
Wetland	An area where the land is covered with water
Pollution	Harmful substances added to water or land
Navigation	The act of guiding boats along a river
Reservoir	A large natural or artificial lake used to store water
Delta	Land formed at the mouth of a river from deposited sediment
Deserts	
Desert	A dry region with little rainfall
Oasis	A fertile spot in a desert where water is found
Sand Dune	A hill of sand formed by the wind
Arid	Extremely dry
Camouflage	The ability of animals to blend into their surroundings
Cactus	A plant adapted to live in dry environments
Nomad	A person who moves from place to place
Temperature	How hot or cold something is
Precipitation	Rain, snow, sleet, or hail falling from the sky
Drought	A long period without rain

Word	Meaning
Adaptation	Changes in plants or animals to survive in their environment
Mirage	An illusion caused by heat
Salt Flat	A flat area of land covered with salt
Trade Route	Paths used for the exchange of goods
Wildlife	Animals living in natural environments
Food Miles	
Food Miles	The distance food travels from where it is produced to where it is eaten
Import	Bringing goods into a country
Export	Sending goods to another country
Climate	The usual weather conditions in a place
Transport	The movement of goods or people from one place to another
Locally Sourced	Food or products grown or made nearby
Carbon Footprint	The amount of carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere by activities
Seasonal Food	Food that is naturally available at certain times of the year
Sustainable	Using resources in a way that does not harm the environment
Organic	Food produced without synthetic chemicals
Farmer	A person who grows crops or raises animals
Market	A place where goods are bought and sold
Distribution	The process of delivering goods to consumers
Packaging	Materials used to protect and present products
Global Trade	The buying and selling of goods between countries