

Greece



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ESSENTIAL ANCIENT GREEKS NAME VOCABULARY	
continent	A continent is a large continuous landmass, separated from other continents by water or other geographical features.
Mediterranean	There are 21 countries that surround the Mediterranean Sea and this is known as the Mediterranean region. The largest countries of the area include: Italy, Greece, Libya and Spain.
region	A region is an area of land that has common features. These features can be natural, such as climate or landscape. They can also be artificial, such as language or religion.
physical geography	Physical geography relates to geography that is naturally occurring. It studies the natural environment and landscapes of our planet.
human geography	Human geography relates to human activity or something that is humanly-constructed. It studies the relationship between human activity and the planet.
comparison	The examination of two countries to establish the similarities and differences
Athens	Athens is a major coastal urban area in the Mediterranean and it is both the capital and largest city of Greece.
Longworth	Longworth is a village and civil parish in the Vale of White Horse, England. The village is between Faringdon, 7 miles (11 km) to the west and Oxford 9 miles (14 km) to the northeast.
Ithaca	Ithaca is a Greek island located in the Ionian Sea, off the northeast coast of Kefalonia and to the west of continental Greece.

Geography and Climate of Greece

Greece is very mountainous, particularly the northern mainland region. Mount Olympus is the tallest at 2,917 m high. Greece is made up of many islands in the Aegean, Ionian and Mediterranean seas.



Greece has a warm, sunny climate. Rainfall is heaviest in the mountains, and some islands receive very little rainfall.

Greece has the longest coastline in Europe and is the southernmost country in Europe. The mainland has rugged mountains, forests and lakes but the country is well known for the thousands of islands dotting the blue Aegean Sea to the east, the Mediterranean Sea to the south and the Ionian Sea to the west.

The country is divided into three geographical regions: the mainland, the islands and Peloponnese, the peninsula south of the mainland.



MAKING LINKS TO PREVIOUS LEARNING

In Hedgehogs the children have learnt about the location of the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe. Children have also carried out an in depth study of the European country, Spain.

In this topic of Greece, the children will recap their learning about continents especially Europe. They will then build their geographical language to include the meaning of "region" and complete a case study comparing Longworth to a village on the island of Ithaca.

