

ENGLAND - Geography

Types of maps

Overview



A **topological map** is a type of diagram that has been simplified so that only vital information remains and unnecessary detail has been removed.



A **political map** shows the government borders for countries, states and counties, as well as the location of capitals and major cities.



A **Tube map** is a map of the underground trains which travel through Greater London.



An **aerial map** is an image taken of an area from above.



An **Ordnance Survey map** (OS map) is a map which shows all the human and physical features of an area in detail.

With London being in the UK, it has a temperate climate. This means it has cold winters and mild summers. It is also described as a **woodland biome**, which is a habitat where the main plants which are found are trees, mosses, ferns and lichen.

London is the capital and largest city of England and the United Kingdom. It is comprised of **32 boroughs** and the city stands on the River Thames in southeast England, at the head of its 50-mile (80 km) estuary leading to the North Sea.

As London expanded over time, more people settled here, travelling from all over the world, providing London with a diversity of religion and ethnicities and making it such a multicultural city. CO2 emissions increased as London became more congested in 2008 congestion charges were introduced to improve the health of its citizens.

Additional vocabulary

eight point compass - **four figure grid references** - city - **continent** - **county** - human activity - ordnance survey - pollution - statistics - symbols

Glossary and key terms

Biomes: Biomes are areas of our planet with similar climates, landscapes, animals and plants.

Climate: The weather conditions prevailing in an area in general or over a long period.

Latitude: To find out how far north or south a place is, lines of latitude are used. These lines run parallel to the Equator.

Longitude: To find out how far east or west a place is, lines of longitude are used. These lines run from the top of the Earth to the bottom.

Types of biomes: tundra, desert, grasslands, savannah, woodlands, rainforests

Types of climates: polar, temperate, arid, tropical, mountainous, mediterranean.

Divisions of the earth: latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, The Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, the Arctic and Antarctic Circles.

