

Geography

Topic: What is our local environment like?

Year 1

Strand: Human and Physical Geography



What should I already know?

- I live in a country called England **Y1**
- The capital city of England is called London **EYFS/Y1**
- England is ruled by a monarch, the Queen **(Y1)**

What are Human Features?

Features of our world that have been created by people are called human geographical features.

Human Geographical Features



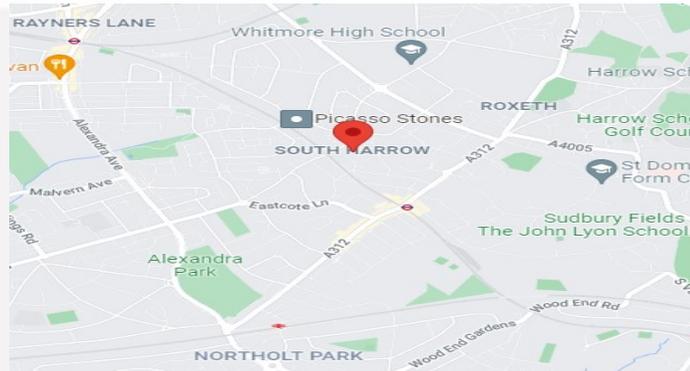
What are Physical Features?

Features of our world that have been created by nature are called physical geographical features.

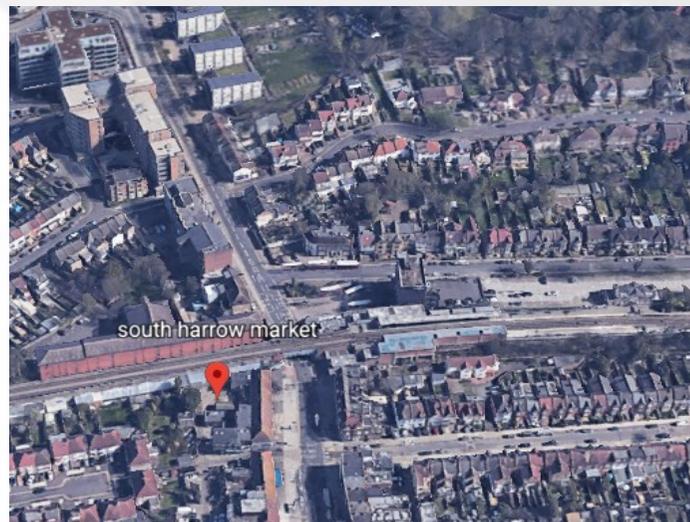
Physical Geographical Features



Where is South Harrow?



- Harrow is a place in the London Borough of Harrow.
- Harrow is a **town**.
- South Harrow is the **southern** part of Harrow.
- South Harrow is home to many different communities, cultures and religions.**



Vocabulary

aerial	a view from above
map	a drawing or a representation of a particular area of land such as a city or a country
village	a small group of houses, perhaps with a few shops, that is often in the country side.
town	a large group of shops and houses, where people live and work. Town are larger than villages but smaller than cities.
train station	a place on a railway line where trains regularly stop so that passengers can get on or off; a railway station.
shop	a building in which goods are sold. For example, supermarkets, clothes shops and toy shops.
semi-detached house	A semi-detached house is a building that has two houses side by side and covered over by just one big roof.
detached house	not joined to another house
Human geography	features of land that have been impacted by human activity
cottage	a small house, typically one in the country
flats	a big building with lots of levels and apartments is called "a block of flats"
Physical geography	natural features of a land

Did you know a map can show the human and physical geographical features of an area.

What do you think this map is showing?



Geographical skills and fieldwork

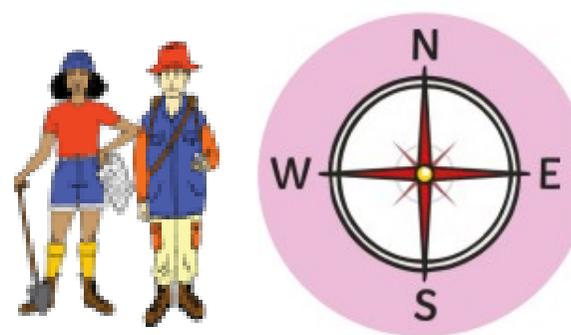
- Go on a tour of the school using a map and then look at an aerial view photograph - can you label it to show where the different classrooms are?
- Take a walk near your house or the school. What symbols are on the map? What do they mean? Look at an aerial view photograph of South Harrow - can you label it using symbols and create a key? Discuss the human features, such as shops and travel links.
- Draw a map that includes your house, the school and the park. Label a map or use symbols and use words like near/far and right/left to describe where places are.
- Take a walk around Chalfont St Giles, what shops do you notice? How are they different from the high street? What are the houses like?
- What are the different features of each place? Think about **human and physical geography**.

Map Symbols

To make it easier, **maps** use **symbols** instead of words so that you can find things quickly. Here are some **symbols** you might recognise.



A compass is a special tool which helps you to work out which direction you are facing.



Key facts

South Harrow has a busy high street and diverse communities. **South Harrow** showcases a wonderful array of cultures, foods and religions in a small residential area. It hosts two parks, Alexandra Park and Roxeth Recreation ground, as well as its own Piccadilly Line Tube station and indoor market.

South Harrow is in the London Borough of Harrow in Outer London. Gareth Thomas is the Member of Parliament for Harrow West and is part of the Government. He helps to make decisions about our local area.

TOP TIPS

How will this prepare me for what I will learn next?

I am developing place knowledge so I can learn more about Harrow, England and Britain.

I will study maps and aerial photographs and use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational and directional language to describe the location of features and routes on a map.

Be safe when out exploring. Listen to the adults carefully.

Be polite if other people are walking on the pavement.

Be aware of the roads.

Be observant. Look out for sign posts and symbols.