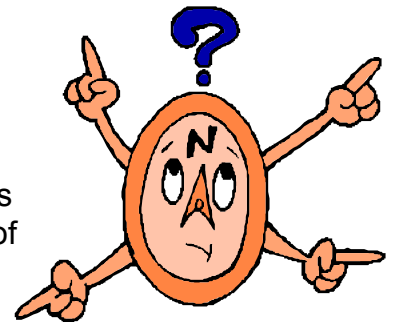


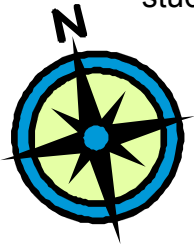
Top Ideas: Developing Locational Knowledge



1. Whilst taking the register have students give Country names and/or capital cities at their name. Choose a theme ahead of the lesson and set the research for an answer as homework.
2. Get a World/UK map put as an extra page in student planners/diaries and use it through the year.
3. Use Google Earth and zoom from the school area to the location being studied in a lesson.
4. Have blow up globes in the classroom for a fun way to locate places. Makes a great plenary if its thrown around the room with the catchee having to locate a specific place.
5. Large world map on the wall which students are allowed to visit - [world map shower curtains](#) are a great space saver as they can be put up on a curtain pole and pulled across a board for use – they can even be written on with bard markers!
6. Laminated maps on A3 and use as table mats.
7. Show-me boards with map outlines
8. Locate places in the news to keep knowledge topical
9. Atlas games - be creative with them
10. [World map jigsaws](#) – We use them on the Year 6 open evening and they always gather a crowd!
11. Use different projections of maps in the same lesson – upside down maps are a great one to use!
12. Back-to-back students should describe places on maps for their partner to locate and shade/mark. This is a good way of developing directional and spatial awareness.
13. [Gapminder](#) - associates places with the goings on in them.
14. Interactive drag and drop activities are great on an interactive board. Line the class up and they work as a team, passing the pen on after their turn, to complete the map in the fastest time – search the Internet to find what you want. Have a table pitting classes against each other, quickest class at the top.
15. Create tutor time challenges for students across the school in form groups to complete – this helps raise the profile of geography too.
16. Yakko Animaniacs song of [US States](#) or [world countries](#) - can students create their own songs?
17. [Where the hell is Matt?](#) Matt dances around the world, use one of his videos to encourage an awe and wonder in distance places – can



students locate all the places he visits?



18. Living maps with string and labels - students create their own maps on the playground or in the hall

19. Floor stickers with maps on save wall space!

20. Put maps up where students stand and wait e.g. Outside the dining hall

21. Maps on books as covers, these could be linked to the topics being studied in each year group e.g. Plate boundaries when studying hazards

22. Clocks with different time zones on the classroom wall

23. [Maxi Maps](#) - large scale maps (5 x 4m) approximately £350

24. Blank outline maps available from [d-maps](#) and [GA members area](#)

25. Top trumps help associate data with places and kids quickly learn the winning characteristics – leads into interesting and higher level discussions.

26. Create iPod playlists for each place studied

27. Maps from memory tasks

28. Teach 6 figure order references using interesting maps for students e.g. Theme parks

29. Create models from play doh to make maps 3D and more real

30. Play 20 questions with a place as the answer

31. What's missing or wrong with the map? Remove something and ask students to identify the missing element/place (rogue maps!)

