

Support units: Professional practice
Overview

Geography lesson ideas

A

'Automatic lessons' (no teacher)
Activity folders or envelopes
Adopt a country
Advertising – writing and illustrations
Aerial photo study
Airlights
Anecdote telling
Art gallery visit
Artefacts collection
Assignments
Atlas exercises

B

Bingo
Blackboard summary
Blackboard use
Block diagram showing
Boat (ferry) trip
Book reading
Book review writing
Bookwork
Botanical gardens visit
Brainstorming
Bulletin board display

C

Camping

Caption writing – photos
Cartoon drawing
Cartoon interpretation
Cartoon observing
Case studies
Cataloguing on cards
Ceiling (of geog room) decorating
Ceiling decoration (compass)
Census of trees
Central place pin and thread model
Charades
Chart observation
Circuit activities
Class survey
Classification of rocks
Cliff studies
Collage making
Comic strip drawing
Community services survey
Compass exercises
Competitions
Comprehension exercises
Contour mapping
Contract system – assignments

Cooking ethnic food
Costumes
Covering books
Criticism session
Cross-section drawing
Crosswords
Current affairs
Current events
Curriculum making

D

Dancing
Data bank compilation
Data collecting
Debates
Decision making
Demonstrations
Descriptive passage study
Designing (cities, homes)
Diagram drawing
Dictating notes
Diorama making
Directory study
Discussions
Displays
Dolls, costumes
Dot games
Drainage analysis

Drama

Dumpy level use

Duplicated material use

E

Eating foreign food

Encyclopaedia article writing

Environmental impact report

Environmental perception

Essay writing

Evaluate government publications

Examination

Excursions

Exercise book work

Experiments

Expert speakers

Exploration simulation

F

Farm study

Felt board demonstration

Field sketching

Fieldwork

Film making

Film strips

Film viewing

Flash cards

Flow diagram drawing

Flying

Food sampling

Forum

Future scenario writing

G

Games

Globe work

Graphs, drawing, interpretation

Group work

Guest speaker

H

Hangman geography game

Homework

House study (comparative)

House-block water cycle study

Hypothesis generation

I

Illustrating exercise books

Independent study

Index compilation

Instrument making

Interschool exchange

Interviewing

J

Jig-saw puzzles, maps

K

Kits

L

Labelling trees

Land-use survey

Landscape evaluation

Lateral thinking

Lecturettes

Level surveying

Library tasks

Line drawing

Listening

Litter survey

Local area studies

Local newspaper simulation

Location roulette

Loop film study

Lucky dip questions

Lunography

M

Magazine study

Making games

Making murals

Making a comic strip

Map drawing

Map interpretation

Marking – tests, assignments

Meal preparation

Measurement

Microclimatic study

Mime

Missing words in notes

Mobiles

Modelling

Mounting samples, displays

Movement study

Museum visit

Music

N

Nature trail

News item discussion

Newspaper clipping

Newspaper report writing

Note making

O

Observation from window
 Observing weather
 Orienteering
 Oval fieldwork & games
 Overhead projector use
 Overlay tracing

P

Pamphlet making
 Panels
 Parent as visiting speaker
 Parks study
 Pen friends
 Perception comparisons
 Photo sketching
 Photographing
 Picture study
 Plane table mapping
 Plane trip
 Planning a film, film strip
 Plant study
 Poem reading, finding
 Pollution investigation
 Population density
 consciousness
 Postage stamp study
 Posters
 Practical work
 Prejudice consciousness
 raising
 Pre-test study
 Printing (lettering)
 Private study
 Problem solving

Programmed instruction

Projects

Prose passage selection,
 interpretation

Pupils working on
 blackboard

Puppet show

Q

Quadrat plotting

Question box

Question sheets

Questioning

Questionnaires

Quiet ten minutes

Quiz

R

Radio broadcasts

Raw material (realia) study

Research reading

Resource person visit

Resource unit making

Revision

Rock sample study

Role playing

Roof material classification

Rubbish dump study

S

Sample study

Sandtray modelling

Scrapbook making

School as a system

School ground mapping

Seminar

Shadowstick

Ship adoption

Silent reading

Simulation

Singing

Sketching

Slates

Slicing potato (contours)

Slides – observing, making

Smelling

Socio-drama

Soil study

Source of imported goods

Speakers

Special day (eg. Japan day)

Spelling bee

Statistical exercises

Stereo photo study

Stories

Stream table study

Street directory use

Student movement study

Student presented lesson

Student report

Student research

Study guide preparation

Study lesson

Supermarket as a system

Surveying

Surveys

Survival planning

Symposium

Systems study of
 refrigerator

T

Table interpretation	Transects	Word maze
Talks by pupils	Transparencies	Working models
Tangle towns	Travel preparation	Worksheets
Tape recording	Traverse mapping	Workshop
Tape script writing	Treasure-hunt map activity	Writing essays, letters
Teacher exchange	Triangulation	X
Teacher talk	Tutorial	Xerophytic garden
Team teaching	U	Y
Telephone directory exercise	Upside down maps	Yellow pages as sources of data
Television	V	Z
Testing	Vegetation transect	Zoo visit, study
Textbook use	Videotape viewing	
Time line	Visits	
Timetable use	Visual displays	
Topic heading display in book	Vocabulary list	
Topographic map study	W	
Tourist literature	Wave study in tank	
Town trail	Weather map exercises	
Traffic survey	Weather observation	
	Window use – profiles	

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