

Subject	Geography
Unit/Topic	Year 7 - Weather and Climate

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Weather	Day-to-day (or hour-to-hour) changes in the earth's atmosphere.
Climate	The average weather conditions measured over a period of 30 years.
Water Cycle	Also known as the hydrologic cycle or the hydrological cycle, describes the continuous movement of water on, above and below the surface of the Earth.
Precipitation	Rain, snow, sleet or hail.
Microclimate	Climate over a small area e.g. on a hillside.
Interception	When plants and vegetation stop rain from reaching the ground by trapping it on their leaves.
Infiltration	Water flowing downwards through the soil.
Anticyclone	An area of high pressure, associated with dry weather and clear skies.
Depression	An area of low pressure associated with rainfall and clouds.
Latitude	How far north or south of the equator a location is.