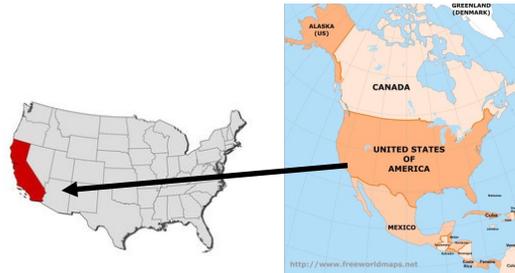


What should I already know?

- The **village** I live in is called Great Cornard, which is in Suffolk. There are **villages** and **towns** in Suffolk, some of which are **coastal**.
- Suffolk is in England, which is a **country**. England, which is in the United Kingdom, is in the **continent** of Europe.
- The seven **continents** (including North America) and five oceans.
- The movement of **tectonic** plates can cause **earthquakes**.
- **Deserts** are a **biome** and they have a hot, dry, **climate**

Vocabulary

biome	a natural area of vegetation and animals
city	a large town . London is a city .
climate	the general weather conditions that are typical of it
coastal	an area of land close to the sea
compass points	any of the main points of a compass: north, south, east, west, north-east, north-west, south-east, south-west
continent	a very large area of land that consists of many countries . Europe is a continent .
country	an area of land that is controlled by its own government.
earthquake	a shaking of the ground caused by movement of the Earth's crust
equator	an imaginary line around the middle of the Earth at an equal distance from the North Pole and the South Pole.
desert	a large area of land, usually in a hot region, where there is almost no water, rain, trees, or plants (vegetation)
farm	an area of land used to produce crops or to breed animals and livestock.
harbour	a sheltered port so that boats can be left there safely
human features	features of land that have been impacted by human activity
landscape	everything you can see when you look across an area of land, including hills, rivers, buildings, trees, and plants.
mountain	a very high area of land with steep sides
physical features	natural features of land
port	a harbour area where ships loads and unload goods or passengers
river	a large, natural stream of fresh water that flows into the sea or a lake.
tectonic	relating to the structure of the Earth's surface or crust.
tourist	a person who is visiting a place for pleasure and interest, especially when they are on holiday.
trade	the activity of buying, selling or exchanging goods and services.
weather	any of the main points of a compass: north, south, east, west, north-east, north-west, south-east, south-west
vegetation	plants, trees or flowers
village	a small group of houses, perhaps with a few shops. Great Cornard is a village .



California is a place in the **country** of United States of America, which is in the **continent** of North America.

What will I know by the end of the unit?

- Some of the **countries** in the **continent** of North America include Canada, United States of America and Mexico.
- There are different **climate** zones in North America.
- The further **north** you go, the colder it becomes. This means that the **climate** in Canada tends to be cold and relatively snowy.
- The **climate** in Mexico is warmer, and it can be hot and humid. This is because it is closer to the **equator**.
- California is a state (a large area) in the USA on the **coast** of the Pacific Ocean.

Features of Suffolk and California

	Human features	Physical features
Suffolk	<p>Suffolk has many villages (such as Great Cornard) and towns (such as Sudbury). There are no official cities in Suffolk but the biggest town is Ipswich.</p>  <p>Suffolk has many farms and is famous for the farming trade.</p>   <p>Suffolk also has a port in Felixstowe and a harbour in Lowestoft. These are both coastal towns.</p>	<p>River Stour</p>  <p>There is also a coastline.</p>  <p>The climate in Suffolk is mild and wet.</p> <p>The landscape is green as there are many fields.</p> <p>The climate is mild. The summers are warm and the winters are cool.</p>
California	<p>There are many cities in California - famous ones include Los Angeles and San Francisco.</p>   <p>There are many places of interest in California, including the Golden Gate Bridge and the Hollywood sign. This means that there are lots of tourists.</p> <p>The biggest trades in California are technology, farming and entertainment.</p> <p>California has nearly 40 million people living there.</p>	<p>Sierra Nevada mountain range</p>  <p>Mojave Desert</p>  <p>California lies on the edge of a tectonic plate - earthquakes occur there.</p> <p>The climate varies depending on where in the state you are.</p>

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork

- Use aerial photographs to compare Suffolk in the UK and California in the USA. What is the same? What is different?
- Describe the locations of Suffolk in the UK and California in the USA using the eight **compass points**.
- Use a map and atlas to find California and Suffolk. Where do they appear in an atlas?
- Contact pupils in schools in California. What questions do you want to ask them? What can you tell them about Suffolk?
- Create a Venn diagram to show similarities and differences between California and Suffolk

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Topic: North America (comparison study)

Phase: KS2

Strand: Place Knowledge / Human and Physical Geography

Question 1: Suffolk is in the UK, which is in the continent of	Start of unit:	End of unit:
Europe		
North America		
South America		
Africa		

Question 2: Suffolk is in the _____ of the UK	Start of unit:	End of unit:
north		
east		
south		
west		

Question 3: California lies by the:	Start of unit:	End of unit:
Pacific Ocean		
Atlantic Ocean		
Indian Ocean		
American Ocean		

Question 4: Earthquakes happen frequently in California. This is because it lies on the edge of a....	Start of unit:	End of unit:
coast		
continent		
tectonic plate		
desert		

Question 5: The biggest trade in Suffolk is:	Start of unit:	End of unit:
entertainment		
technology		
farming		
jewellery		

Question 6: Which of these are famous sights in California:	Start of unit:	End of unit:
Big Ben		
Golden Gate Bridge		
Hollywood sign		
Buckingham Palace		

Question 7: Europe and North America are both...	Start of unit:	End of unit:
countries		
cities		
continents		
towns		

Question 8: A place where ships can load and unload goods is called a...	Start of unit:	End of unit:
desert		
mountain		
port		
farm		

Question 9: Suffolk and California are similar because... (tick two)	Start of unit:	End of unit:
they both have towns or cities by the coast		
they both have a big farming trade		
they both have deserts		
earthquakes happen frequently in both places		

Question 10: Suffolk and California are different because...	Start of unit:	End of unit:
the climate in California is generally warmer		
they are in different continents		
California has mountain ranges and deserts but Suffolk does not		
all of the above		