Wells Hall Primary School - Geography

Topic: Germany (comparison study)	Phase: KS2	Strand: Place Knowledge / Human and Physical Geography

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 Europe) and five oceans.
- The Anglo-Saxons **migrated** from Germany and began to settle in Britain around AD 450.

Vocabulary

atlas	a book of **maps**
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.
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.
map	a drawing of a particular area such as a city, country or continent
migration	movement from one place to another in order to settle there
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.
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.**

Europe

UK

Germany

What will I know by the end of the unit?

- Germany has a landscape of **forests**, **rivers**, **mountain** ranges and North Sea beaches - this means that some of Northern Germany is **coastal.**
- Germany is in Western and Central Europe, with Denmark bordering to the north, Poland and the Czech Republic to the east, Austria to the south-east, Switzerland to the south-west, France, Luxembourg and Belgium to the west and Holland, or the Netherlands, to the northwest.
- The **climate** in Germany is similar to that of the UK - the summers are warm and winters are cool.
- Both the UK and Germany have **rivers** that join the North Sea.

Features of Suffolk and Germany

	Human features	Physical features
Suffolk	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. Suffolk has many farms and is famous for the farming **trade**. Suffolk also has a **port** in Felixstowe and a **harbour** in Lowestoft. These are both **coastal towns**.	**River** Stour - which joins the North Sea. There is also a **coastline**. The **climate** in Suffolk is mild and wet. The **landscape** is green as there are many fields. The **climate** is mild. The summers are warm and the winters are cool.
Germany	Germany has many **villages, towns** and **cities.** One major **city** in Northern Germany is Hamburg, which is a **port** town. Berlin is the capital **city.** Many **tourists** visit Germany, particularly the **cities** and the Black Forest. Germany is famous for its automobile **trade**.	The rivers Rhine and Elbe can both be found in Northern Germany and join the North Sea. The Black Forest can be found to the south of Germany, near Switzerland. It is a **mountainous** region, full of **vegetation**. The Alps, a **mountain** range in Europe, can be found in Germany.

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork

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

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Question 1: Suffolk in the UK, and Germany are both in the continent of ….	Start of unit:	End of unit:
Europe		
North America		
South America		
Africa		

Question 2: Germany borders some other countries. Tick all of the countries that it borders:	Start of unit:	End of unit:
United States of America		
Poland		
Australia		
UK		
France		

Question 3: I can use _____ to find where Suffolk and Germany are:	Start of unit:	End of unit:
a telescope		
a television		
a remote control		
a map		

Question 4: The Alps that are in Europe and cover some of Germany make up a…	Start of unit:	End of unit:
mountain range		
river		
forest		
city		

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

Question 6: London and Berlin are both:	Start of unit:	End of unit:
capital cities		
countries		
continents		
counties		

Question 7: The climates are similar in Suffolk and Germany because…	Start of unit:	End of unit:
they are near each on other on Earth		
they are both near the Arctic circle		
they are both near the equator		

Question 8: Germany is to the _____ of the UK.	Start of unit:	End of unit:
north		
east		
south		
west		

Question 9: Suffolk and Germany are similar because… (tick two)	Start of unit:	End of unit:
they both have rivers that join the North Sea		
they are both countries		
they both have coastlines on the North Sea.		
they are both continents		

Question 10: Suffolk and Germany are different because… (tick two)	Start of unit:	End of unit:
Germany is a country but Suffolk is not		
Suffolk is a country but Germany is not		
Germany has a mountain range but Suffolk does not		
Germany is a continent		