

Vocabulary	Meaning
peninsula	land surrounded by water on three sides
physical feature	natural features of the Earth's surface e.g. river, oceans, mountains, climate
coastline	boundary of a coast where land meets water
terrain/relief	specific features of an area of land e.g. rocky, jagged coastline
drought	long period of abnormally low rainfall leading to a shortage of water
Mediterranean	the Mediterranean Sea or the countries bordering it
climate	weather conditions in an area over a long period
precipitation	rain, snow, sleet or hail that falls to the ground
fertile	soil or land capable of producing abundant crops
mountainous	region that has many mountains
farmland	land used for farming
colony	group who settle in a new place and keep ties to their homeland
culture	ideas and behaviour of a particular group of people
trade	action of buying and selling goods and services
location	particular place or position
ancient	very distant past and no longer in existence
Olympia	site of the original Olympic Games in Greece

Key knowledge – geographical features



Greece is a mountainous land located at the end of the Balkan Peninsula. It has more than 1400 islands.

Its coastline borders the Aegean Sea, the Ionian Sea and the Mediterranean Sea. It has very varied physical features and terrain.

Key knowledge – the influence of geography, climate and culture in Ancient Greece



Athens was the largest and most powerful Greek state. The city had lots of beautiful public buildings, shops and public baths. Sparta is in the south and the word Spartan means a life of simplicity. The sea played a very important role for exploration. Wheat did not grow well, so they used their ships to import it, as well as many other foods, materials, wares and slaves. Some ships were designed to carry cargo, others were designed as weapons to conquer many lands.

