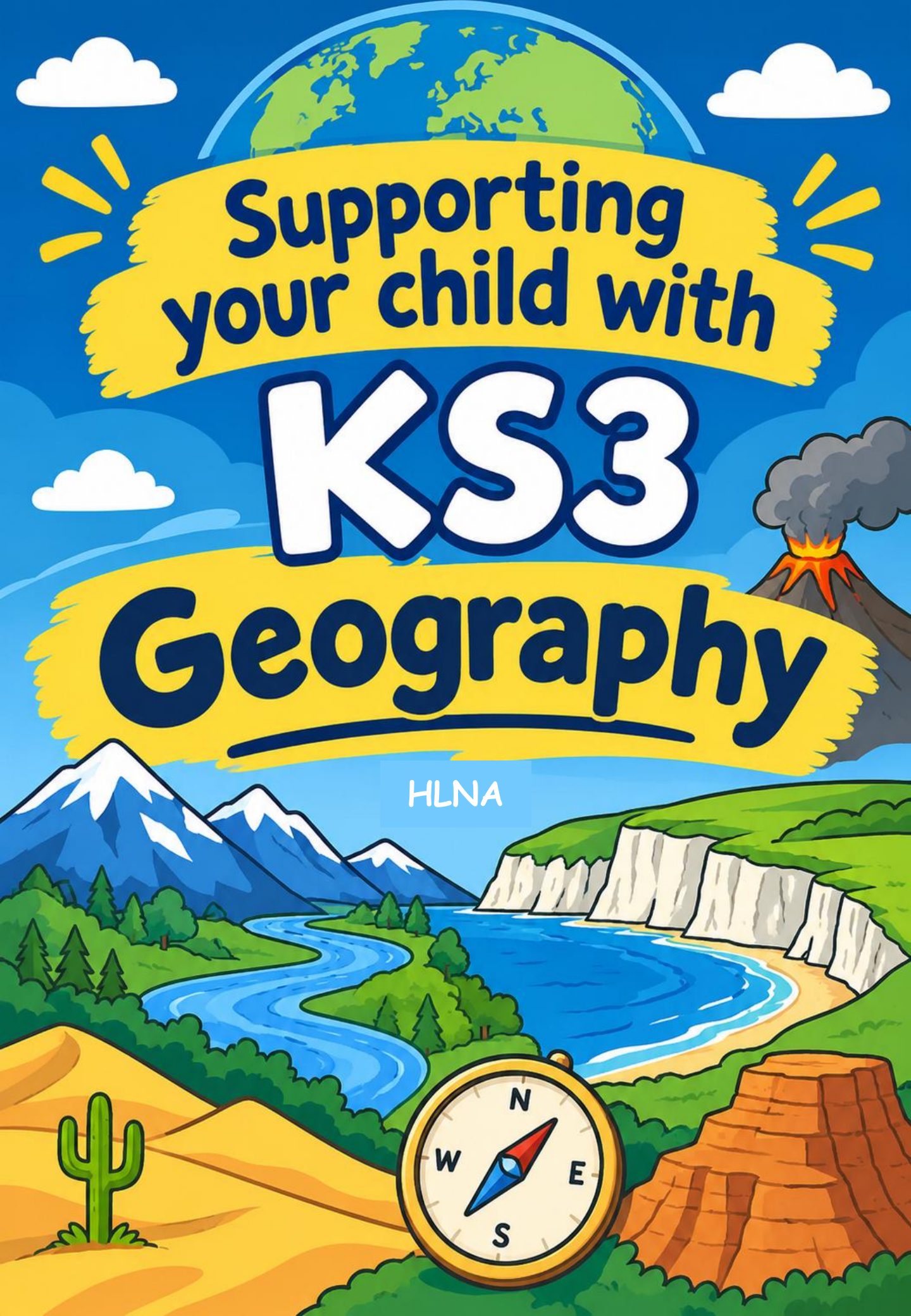
Supporting your child with KS3 Geography



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Understanding KEY LOCATIONS

A strong understanding of key locations and concepts helps students make sense of more complex ideas later.



You can help by:

- Asking what topic they are studying (e.g. rivers, weather, population, settlements)
- Testing them on key vocabulary from their knowledge organiser
- Looking at maps together and identifying continents, countries and major physical features
- Encouraging short, regular revision sessions

SIMPLE PROMPT:

"WHAT ARE THREE KEY FACTS YOU LEARNED THIS WEEK?"

ENCOURAGE *map skills*

Geography involves strong spatial awareness.

Support your child by:

- Looking at atlases or online maps together
- Asking them to locate places mentioned in the news
- Discussing directions (north, south, east, west)
- Identifying human and physical features in your local area



Confidence with maps builds independence in lessons.

focus on the WHY AND HOW

GEOGRAPHY IS ABOUT EXPLAINING PROCESSES AND CONNECTIONS.

INSTEAD OF ASKING:

"What did you learn?"

Try:

"Why does that happen?"

"How does that affect people?"

"What are the advantages and disadvantages?"

"How are these places similar or different?"

Encouraging explanation strengthens analytical writing skills.

Support EXTENDED WRITING

In Year 7, students begin writing longer explanations using evidence.

You can help by encouraging them to:

- Answer the full question
- Use key vocabulary accurately
- Include specific examples (case studies)
- Explain their reasoning clearly



A helpful structure:

- Make a point
- Give an example of a place
- Explain why it matters (use our Geography keyphrases-This means that, This leads to, This is because, As a result)

Connect Geography to everyday life

You could:

- Discuss weather patterns and climate
- Talk about environmental issues in the news or watch nature documentaries
- Explore different countries and cultures
- Plan routes for journeys using maps
- Discuss how local areas have changed over time

These conversations build curiosity and real-world understanding.

GEOGRAPHY IS ALL AROUND US

A final message about

GEOGRAPHY

You do not need to be a Geography expert to support your child!

The most powerful things you can do are:

- Show interest in what they are learning
- Encourage discussion about the world
- Support regular revision of key facts
- Praise effort and resilience

Geography helps students understand their place in the world — and how they can shape its future.

