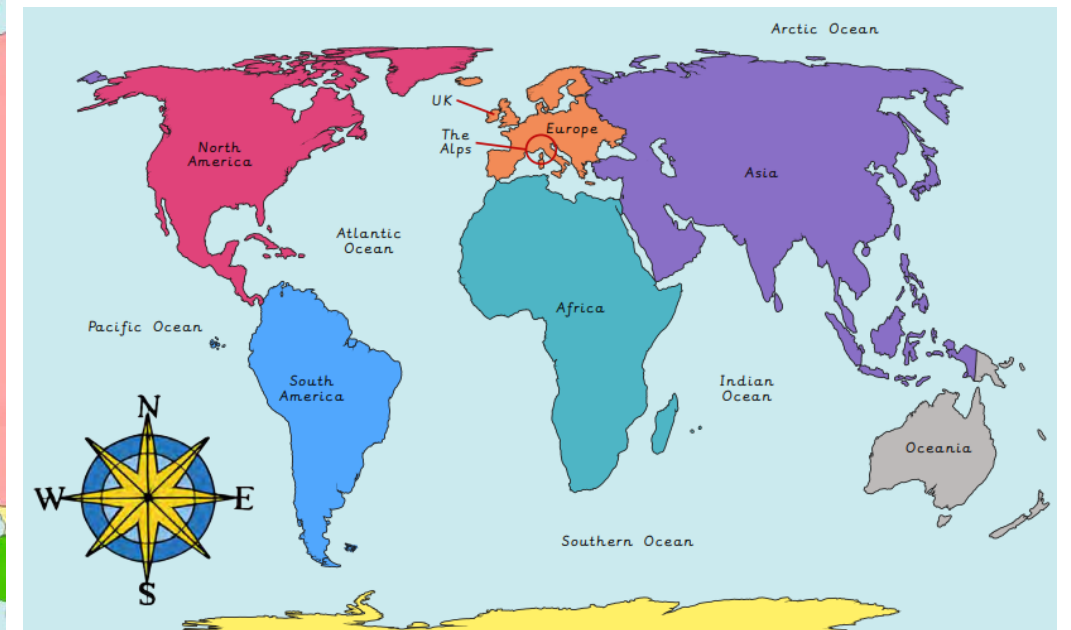


Key Vocabulary

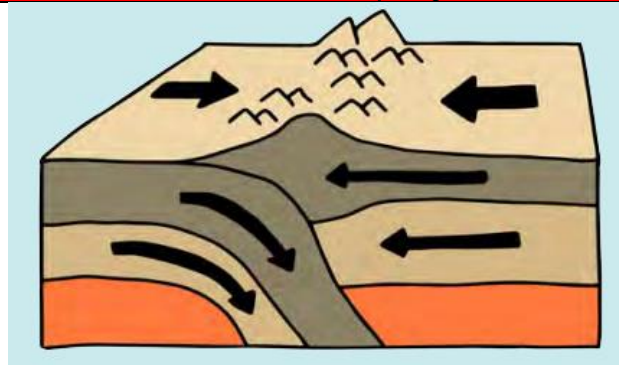
fold mountain	When two tectonic plates are pushed together and the ground is pushed up.
longitude	How far east or west a place is located.
latitude	How far north or south a place is located.
sea level	Base level for measuring land height.
land height	Position of a point above sea level.
temperate	A place with mild temperatures.
tourism	When people travel for pleasure to places of interest.
deciduous forest	Trees that shed their leaves in autumn and winter.
leisure	The use of free time for enjoyment.
vegetation	All the plants that grow in a certain area.
hemisphere	Half of the Earth, divided by the Equator into Northern and Southern hemispheres.

Where are the Alps?



- The Alps are in the Northern Hemisphere in Central and Western Europe.

How were the Alps formed?



Alpine mountains are **fold mountains**. They were formed when two tectonic plates pushed together and the ground was forced upwards. **Mont Blanc** is the highest mountain in the Alps.



The height of the Alps- the red area is where the mountains are highest.

Climate



- Most of the Alps have a mountain climate.
- It is cold because of the height of the mountains.
- Lower areas of the Alps have a temperate climate.



What happens in the Alps?



- Popular activities in the Alps include skiing, hiking and sightseeing.
- Tourists visit the Alps all year round.