



Vocabulary	Meaning
mountain range	a series of high line hills that are connected by high ground
plains	a large area of flat land with few trees
canyon	a gigantic gorge or valley in the Earth's surface
erosion	the gradual destruction or wear of something
plateau	an area of fairly level high ground
distribution	the way in which something is shared out
density	the quantity of people or things in a space
relief	the difference in height from the surrounding terrain
climate	the weather conditions prevailing in an area over a long period
Temperate oceanic climate	it features cool summers (relative to their latitude) and cool but not cold winters with a relatively narrow annual temperature
drought	a prolonged period of abnormally low rainfall
flood	an overflow of a large amount of water beyond its normal limits
hazard	a risk or danger
metropolis	the capital or chief city in a country or region
skyscraper	a very tall building of many storeys



Key knowledge – population

This map of North America shows the density of the population in the different US states.

The darker areas show more people living in an area. The lighter it is, the fewer people live there.

Densely populated means many people per square kilometre.

Sparsely populated means few people per square kilometre.

Across North America, different areas have different population distributions. Reasons include: weather, resources, jobs transport.