

How to teach the word 'geography'

Phonics → decoding and spelling

'geography'

syllables:

ge-og-raph-y

phonemes/graphemes within syllables:

g e o g r a **ph** y

giant
gel
gentle
magic
germ

phone
phonics
sphere
photo
prophet

Teaching points

<g> spelling of the sound /j/

<ph> (Greek) spelling for the sound /f/

Morphology → vocabulary, comprehension & spelling

'geography'

definition: the study of the earth, its atmosphere and human activity related to the earth

morphemes:

geo - graph - y

means 'earth' from
Greek 'ge-o'

geographer
geopolitics
geophysics
geothermal

means 'to write' from
Greek 'graphia'

graph
graphics
photograph
biography

means 'the
activity of' from
Greek and Latin

history
victory

Teaching points

Meaning of the morphemes 'geo' and 'graph' which are Greek in origin and words related to these morphemes