**SITE & SITUATION**

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**Site features** are generally taken to refer to the physical features of the landscape and include:

• Contours (height, gradient of slope) – HEIGHT asl

• Landforms (floodplain, undulating plain, valley location, river plain)

• Drainage (streams, confluence location, presence of swamps, inundation of area)

• Vegetation (density of vegetation)

When describing site, ask students to use terms such as **on, at, in, beside** or **next to.**

**EXAMPLES:**

Springbank Farm is sited on land approximately 5 to 15 metres above sea level.

Springbank Farm is sited next to Brundee Swamp.

Springbank Farm is sited on an area of scattered scrub.

**SITUATION – *location, location, location***

**Situation features** refer to the relative location of a settlement, in particular with the surrounding region. This includes:

• Direction and distance from other significant places or features.

• Its position along a road or railway.

• Its latitude and longitude.

When describing situation, ask students to use terms such as: **distance** (metres/kilometres) and **compass direction** (or bearing) from another feature/location, **near to** or **between**

**EXAMPLES**

Berry is situated on the Princes Highway.

Berry is situated approximately 8 kilometres north west of Shoalhaven Heads.

Berry is situated near the Illawarra Railway.