Geography Key Words Year 7

Continent

A continent is one of Earth's seven main divisions of land (Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Europe, and Australia).

Relief

'Relief' is the term used for the differences in height from place to place on the land's surface.

Erosion

Erosion is when materials are worn away by natural forces such as wind or water.

Deposition

Deposition is when material (rocks, sand, sediment) that is being transported by a river, or the sea, is dropped.

Middle East

The Middle East is the region around the southern and eastern shores of the Mediterranean Sea. It includes countries like Syria and United Arab Emirates.

Cheshire Plain

A relatively flat area of lowland found almost entirely in the county of Cheshire.

Geography Key Words Year 8

Earthquake

The sudden violent shaking of the ground, caused by the release of energy within the Earth's crust.

Tsunami

Tsunamis are giant waves caused by earthquakes or volcanic eruptions under the sea.

Precipitation

Precipitation is water released from clouds in the form of rain, freezing rain, sleet, snow or hail.

Gross Domestic Product

The total value of goods and services provided by a country in a year, divided by the total number of people in the country.

Communism

A type of economy where all property, including land, factories and companies, is held by the government.

One-Child Policy

A measure to reduce the population growth in China. Couples were only allowed one child.

Geography Key Words Year 9

Gyre

Gyres are large circular ocean currents formed by global wind patterns and forces created by Earth's rotation.

Adaptation

The process which plants, animals or humans go through to ensure that they are suited to their environments.

Glacier

A large mass of ice that moves slowly down a mountain due to gravity.

Drought

A period when an area lacks water, it can last months or even years. Generally, because of a **reduction** in rainfall.

Urbanisation

Urbanisation is the increase in the proportion of people living in towns and cities.

Megacity

A large city with 10 million+ people living in it.

Geography Key Words Year 10

Tropical Storm

A tropical storm (hurricane/typhoon) is a very powerful low-pressure weather system. It has strong winds and heavy rainfall.

Climate Change

Climate change is a long-term change in the average weather patterns. These changes can be natural or cause by humans.

Natural Hazard

These are natural events that can cause loss of life, damage and disrupt human activities eg floods.

Extreme Weather

Weather that is significantly different to the normal weather experienced in a certain area eg 'Beast from the East'.

Mitigation

This means reducing the impacts of climate change by preventing or reducing the emission of greenhouse gases (GHG) into the atmosphere.

Biome

A biome is a large-scale ecosystem, its characteristics are defined by abiotic (non-living) factors.

Geography Key Words Year 11

Social Opportunities

Chances for people to improve their quality of life, for instance, access to healthcare and education.

Economic Opportunities

Chances for people to improve their standard of living through employment.

Migration

The movement of humans from one place to another due to push factors e.g. war and pull factors e.g. better-quality education.

Inequality

Inequality in geography refers to the idea that different people experience different standards of living.

Brownfield Site

An old industrial or inner-city site that is cleared for a new building development.

Regeneration

This is when an urban area is upgraded. The aim is to improve both the economic and social spaces within a city.