

Glossary of Specialist Vocabulary

Subject	GCSE Geography	Unit / Topic	Command words
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Word / Term	Specialist meaning & alternative everyday meaning/s	Example of the word/term in context
Assess	Make an informed judgement.	Assess how effective your presentation technique(s) were in representing the data collected in the enquiry.
Calculate	Work out the value of something.	Using Figure 7, calculate the increase in retail sales value of Fairtrade bananas between 2000 and 2012.
Compare	Identify similarities and differences.	Using Figure 4, compare HDI values in Africa and South America.
Complete	Finish the task by adding to given information.	Complete the following sentence: The greatest number of category four tropical storms happen in the Ocean.
Describe	Set out characteristics	Using Figure 9, describe the distribution of areas with existing licenses for fracking in the UK.
Discuss	Present key points about different ideas or strengths and weaknesses of an idea.	Discuss the effects of urban sprawl on people and the environment.
Evaluate	Judge from available evidence.	Evaluate the effectiveness of an urban transport scheme you have studied.
Explain	Set out purposes or reasons.	Using Figure 12 and your own knowledge, explain how different landforms may be created by the transport and deposition of sediment along the coast.
Give	Produce an answer from recall.	Give one condition that is needed from a tropical storm to form.
Identify	Name or otherwise characterise.	Identify the glacial landform at grid reference 653532.
Justify	Support a case with evidence.	'TNCs only bring advantages to the host country.' Do you agree with the statement? Justify your decision.
Outline	Set out main characteristics.	Outline one way Fairtrade helps to deal with the problems of unequal development.
State	Express in clear terms.	State one characteristic of the course of the River Ouse in grid square 5754.
Suggest	Present a possible case.	Suggest how the sea defences shown in Figure 11 help to protect the coastline.
To what extent?	Judge the importance or success of (strategy, scheme, project, etc.).	To what extent do urban areas in LICs or NEEs provide social and economic opportunities for people?

