

Geography Summer Holiday work, 2025

Your task is to complete the two glossaries below. You need to write clear and concise definitions for all of the key terms. The terms relate to the first two units you will study in Year 12 i.e. “Coastal systems and landscapes” and “Contemporary urban environments”. You will need to do some research to successfully complete this task, but please do not “Copy and paste” any of your answers.

Good luck!

A-level Geography - Key term Glossary

“Coastal systems and landscapes”

Term	Definition
Abrasion	
Arch	
Attrition	
Cave	
Cavitation	
Constructive waves	
Deposition	
Destructive waves	
Erosion	
Fjord	
Hard engineering	
High energy coast	
Hydraulic action	
Longshore drift	
Low energy coast	

Mass movement	
Neap tide	
Ria	
Rip current	
Sand dunes	
Sediment budget	
Sediment cell	
Soft engineering	
Solution	
Spit	
Spring tide	
Stack	
Suspension	
Tombolo	
Traction	
Transportation	
Wave cut platform	
Wave quarrying	
Waves	
Weathering	

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“Contemporary urban environments”

Term	Definition
Atmospheric pollution	
Counter-urbanisation	
Cultural diversity	
Cultural quarters	
Decentralisation	
Deindustrialisation	
Dereliction	
Ecological footprint	
Economic inequality	
Edge city	
Gentrification	
Landfill	
Liveability	
Megacity	
Particulate pollution	
Photo-chemical pollution	
Postmodern western city	
Recycling	
River restoration	
Rural	

Service economy	
Social segregation	
Suburbanisation	
Sustainability	
Sustainable urban drainage systems	
Urban	
Urban form	
Urban heat island	
Urban resurgence	
Urban sprawl	
Urbanisation	
Urban-rural fringe	
Waste Incineration	
Water pollution	
World city	