

Edexcel Geography GCSE

The UK's Evolving Human Landscape Glossary of Key Terms

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Glossary of Definitions - UK's Evolving Human Landscape

Commonwealth - A group of countries that were colonised by Britain as part of the British Empire.

Enterprise Zones - Regions that are set up by the government to encourage businesses to move in. They tend to have lower tax rates or newly constructed offices.

Ethnic Minority - A group of people who have a different race, traditions or beliefs from the main population.

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) - When a business or person in one country invests in a business located in a different country.

Globalisation - The process through which countries are becoming more interconnected. This is due to factors such as trade, migration, technology and culture.

Grants - When a business or organisation is given money by the government e.g research grant.

Hate Crime - Crime and abuse which is motivated by prejudice against someone due to their race, religion or sexuality.

Immigration - The permanent movement of people to live in a country which is different to their home country.

Migration - The permanent movement of people to live somewhere else within a country.

Multicultural Event - An event which celebrates a culture or religion originally from another country (for example, Chinese New Year or Brazilian Carnival).

Net Migration - The difference between the number of migrants moving into a country and the number of migrants moving out of the country.

Primary Industry - Industry associated with producing raw materials and crops, for example farmers or miners.

Privatisation - Essential services that are taken over by a private company from the government.

Population Characteristics - Factors used to describe people living in an area or community e.g age, ethnicity, gender and employment.

Population Density - The amount of people per square area of land. It's a measure of how squashed together or spread out a population is.

Quaternary Industry - Industry relating to technology, the economy and design, for example architects or product designers.



Rural-Urban Continuum - An imaginary line that can be drawn from the centre of an urban city to the centre of a rural area, to show the difference in living conditions and population characteristics.

Secondary Industry - The manufacturing industry which turns raw materials into produce and goods, for example factory workers or bakers.

Segregation - A group of people who are isolated from the rest of society. This could be because they choose to live separately or they are excluded from socialising with the population.

Shrinking World - The feeling of the world becoming smaller and more easily accessible.

Tertiary Industry - Jobs relating to services and working with people, for example teachers or waitresses.

Trade Bloc - A group of countries which join together to promote trade between themselves.

Trans-National Company (TNC) - A company which operates in different countries to where their headquarters are based.

