

Key geographical concepts

These are the 14 key concepts that underpin the A level course. It is important that you understand these concepts in the context of geography and the units you study.

| CONCEPT | MEANING | EXAMPLES |
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| MITIGATION AND ADAPTABILITY | Mitigation means improving the situation. Adaptation means living with it, but trying to overcome the impacts. | Ways of decreasing CO2 emissions at international (carbon trading, quotas), national (green energy policy) and local scales (hybrid cars). Ways of avoiding the impacts of rising sea levels or flood levels by defences. |
| SUSTAINABILITY | | |
| RISK | | |
| RESILIENCE | | |
| THRESHOLDS | | |
| CAUSALITY | | |
| SYSTEMS | | |

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| EQUILIBRIUM | | |
| FEEDBACK (negative and positive) | | |
| INEQUALITY | | |
| REPRESENTATION | | |
| IDENTITY | | |
| GLOBALISATION | | |
| INTERDEPENDENCE | | |