

JC Geography – Key Definitions

Aid

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Development assistance to projects in the developing world.

Alluvium

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Material transported and deposited by a river when it floods.

Aspect

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The direction in which a slope faces.

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Boulder clay

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Mixture of clay and rock deposited by a glacier.

Brown earth soil

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Fertile, well-drained soil that developed where deciduous forests grow.

CBD

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Central business district

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Crust

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Solid outer layer of Earth.

Deposition

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Laying down of a load transported by rivers, waves and ice.

Drainage basin

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Area of land drained by a single river and its tributaries.

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Ecosystem

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A biological community of organisms that interact with each other and with their physical environment.

Erosion

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The breaking down of rocks and the removal of the resulting particles by rivers, waves and ice.

Gender equality

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Where access to all rights and opportunities are not affected by gender.

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Greenhouse
gases

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Gases that create the
greenhouse effect.

Hurricane

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A storm with
continuous wind
speeds over 120 kph.

Ice sheet

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Moving mass of ice
that covers a large land
area.

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Landslide

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The very rapid movement of regolith down a steep slope.

Metamorphic
rock

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Rock changed by extremes of heat and pressure.

Meteorology

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The study of weather.

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Mudflow

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Moving rivers of rock, soil and water.

NGOs

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Non-government organisations, e.g. voluntary agencies that provide assistance to projects in the developing world.

Plates

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The separate sections into which Earth's crust is broken.