

# JC Geography – Key Definitions

Abrasion

REVISE  
WISE

Erosion from the load carried by rivers, waves and ice.

Attrition

REVISE  
WISE

Erosion caused when the particles in the load carried by rivers and waves bump off one another.

Bedrock

REVISE  
WISE

Solid rock that makes up the lowest layer of a soil profile.

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Biodiversity



The variety of plants and animal life in a habitat.

Biofuels



Energy sources extracted from organic matter.

Carbon sink



Anything (including trees, soil, oceans) that absorbs more carbon dioxide than it releases.

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Colonisation

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WISE

One country taking political control over another country.

Corporation tax

REVISE  
WISE

The tax on company profits; MNCs pay the country in which they operate.

Denudation

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WISE

Breaking up and removing rocks on Earth's surface by weathering, mass movement and erosion.

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Doldrums



Areas of low pressure and slack winds near the equator.

Emigrant



A person who leaves a country to live elsewhere.

Fold mountains



Mountains formed when rocks buckled and folded as two plates collided.

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Fossil fuels

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Fuels such as coal, oil and natural gas that developed from the remains of plants and animals.

Glacier

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WISE

A large, slow-moving mass of ice flowing down a valley.

Horizon

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WISE

A layer of a soil profile.

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Impermeable

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WISE

Not allowing water to pass through.

Irrigation

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WISE

Supplying dry agricultural land with water.

Magma

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The molten or semi-molten material that makes up Earth's mantle – the layer between Earth's crust and core.

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Migration

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The movement of people from one area to another to live and often to work.

Pangaea

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The single land mass (supercontinent) that later broke up to form the continents.

Regolith

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WISE

Loose material (rocks and soil) that covers the surface of Earth.

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Richter scale

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Measurement of the strength of an earthquake.

Scree

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WISE

Loose pieces of rock with sharp edges at the foot of a slope, broken off by freeze-thaw.

Water cycle

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WISE

The continual recycling of water as it passes between the atmosphere, oceans and land.