

1. <b>biodiversity</b>	the variety of living organisms on earth and the recognition of the need to maintain and protect this diversity	13. <b>GIS</b>	Geographical Information Systems: integrated computer tools for the handling, processing and analysing of geographical data
2. <b>biosphere</b>	the realm of earth that includes all plant and animal life forms	14. <b>mega cities</b>	very large agglomerations of at least 10 million inhabitants
3. <b>cadastral map</b>	a map which shows property boundaries	15. <b>nation-state</b>	the political unit of people living in a defined territory, with government authority in their economy, political organisation and external security
4. <b>counter-urbanisation</b>	a marked decline in the total population, or growth of the population, of large metropolitan areas and the subsequent growth of smaller urban centres at their expense	16. <b>non-government organisations (NGOs)</b>	groups of people in the community focused around a common aim whether it be to raise money for projects, environmental action, political or social change
5. <b>ecological dimension</b>	describes the relationship between people and the environment and the effect that they have on each other	17. <b>spatial dimension</b>	describes where things are and why they are there
6. <b>ecologically sustainable development</b>	using, conserving and enhancing the community's resources so the ecological processes are maintained so that quality of life, now and in the future, can be increased	18. <b>spatial exclusion</b>	refers to the defence of luxury lifestyles which have resulted in restrictions in spatial access and the freedom of movement of other urban dwellers. It is manifest in 'high security suburbs', 'walled estates' and security conscious retail-business complexes
7. <b>ecosystem</b>	a system formed by the interaction of all living organisms (plants, animals, humans) with each other and with the physical elements of the environment in which they live	19. <b>spatial interdependence</b>	the degree to which phenomena depend on each other for development and/or survival. Spatial interdependence implies that a spatial association exists
8. <b>environment</b>	the 'total surroundings' including the components of the biophysical world, and the cultural, social, political and economic contexts of people	20. <b>spatial patterns</b>	a key theme in geography that includes the concepts of location, distribution, spatial organisation and spatial differentiation
9. <b>environmental impact assessments</b>	a detailed study for a proposed development that identifies and describes the environment, predicts any likely changes that might result from such a proposal, assesses the significance of any predicted changes and reports through an environmental impact statement which makes provision for community consultation	21. <b>sustainability</b>	the ability to meet the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs
10. <b>exurbanisation</b>	a process whereby people, usually affluent, move from the city to rural areas but continue to maintain an urban way of life either through long distance commuting or technology	22. <b>transnational corporations (TNCs)</b>	large business enterprises with a number of branches operating in several countries but with usually a central head office in a developed country, whose powers transcend national boundaries
11. <b>geographical issues</b>	areas of concern that arise due to changes resulting from the interaction within environments and which can be investigated from spatial and/or ecological dimensions	23. <b>urban village</b>	distinctive residential districts comprising a clustering of people with a common culture and forming an identifiable community
12. <b>geographical processes</b>	the combination of physical and human forces that form and transform our world	24. <b>World city (global city)</b>	a large city that has importance to the operation of the global systems of finance, trade, politics, communications, aid, tourism and entertainment