

Subject:

# Geography



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## KS3 - Year 8 Curriculum Overview

Autumn Term

### Topics being taught

In this unit we investigate economic activities. We study different types of industries, the changing employment structure in the UK, comparing to other countries. We investigate the location of traditional and modern industries. We then focus on population and development. We study population distribution and what affects where people live. We discover the stages of development of countries and use graphs/ diagrams to illustrate the changes in population. We focus on case studies of the population structure of China and Russia. We also discuss migration both voluntary and forced.

Term 1

### What you will be assessed on

Assessments  
Define key terms and evaluate location of industries  
  
Describe and explain graphs showing changing employment structure in high income and low income countries

Term 2

Assessments  
Definition of key terms  
Exam question on demographic transition model and population pyramids  
  
Extended writing task discussing the effects of migration

### How you can support at home

Discuss various jobs involved with different types of industries

Visit a local business park

Revision website  
[www.bbc.bitesize.co.uk](http://www.bbc.bitesize.co.uk)

Watch and discuss events on the news related to migration and refugees

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Spring Term

### Topics being taught

This term we focus on resources and the environment. We look at the pollution caused by industry and resource depletion. We focus on a range of problems facing the environment such as global warming, deforestation and discuss the causes, consequences and solutions. We then look at what shapes our physical landscapes in the UK. We focus on erosional processes at the coast and landforms.

Term 3

### What you will be assessed on

Assessments  
Research causes, consequences and management of environmental issue  
  
Key terms, exam questions and extended writing task

Term 4

Assessments  
Definition of key terms on weathering and erosion  
  
Explain coastal processes and landforms

### How you can support at home

Discuss environmental issues such as global warming, deforestation, pollution

Aim to be more sustainable and reduce carbon footprint  
<https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/>

Get involved in campaigns to help environment such as earth hour  
<https://www.earthhour.org/>

Revision websites  
[www.bbc.bitesize.co.uk](http://www.bbc.bitesize.co.uk)  
[www.coolgeography.co.uk](http://www.coolgeography.co.uk)

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Summer Term

### Topics being taught

We continue to study physical landscapes focusing on glaciation processes and landforms in the UK. Our final topic is a case study on the Middle East. We study the physical features and climate of the region, the cities and population. We investigate the wealth and poverty in the region and conflict which leads to migration and refugees.

Term 5

### What you will be assessed on

Assessments  
Complete quiz on glacial landforms and processes  
  
End of year exam

Term 6

Assessments  
Label map and main features of Middle East  
  
Comparison between rich and poor areas of Middle East

### How you can support at home

Watch videos on glaciation  
[https://timeforgeography.co.uk/videos\\_list/glaciation/](https://timeforgeography.co.uk/videos_list/glaciation/)

Complete online quizzes  
[www.kahoot.com](http://www.kahoot.com)

Watch the news and discuss issues with Middle East

Experience Middle Eastern culture