

## Spelling list: GCSE Geography: Key Words 03

Key words for GCSE Geography.

demography	<b>Demography</b> is the study of population.
dependency	<b>Dependency</b> ratio is the number of dependents in a population divided by the number of working age people.
desertification	<b>Desertification</b> is the degradation of relatively dry land into even more arid land through human activity or climate change.
destructive	<b>Destructive</b> waves are when the backwash is stronger than the swash and so the beach is eroded.
development	<b>Development</b> is the improvement of quality of life in a country through technological advances and application of resources.
discharge	River <b>discharge</b> measures the volume of water passing a point at a given time; it is measured in cubic metres per second.
disposable	<b>Disposable</b> income is the amount of money people have left over after paying their living expenses.
dredging	<b>Dredging</b> is the removal of sediment from a river or sea bed.
ecohomes	<b>Ecohomes</b> are homes that are designed to conserve energy and resources.
economic	An <b>economic</b> core region is the most highly developed region in a country with high population and high average income.
economies	<b>Economies</b> of scale are the result of business growth; a larger operation means lower production costs.
ecotourism	<b>Ecotourism</b> is the responsible travel to natural areas in order to have minimal impact on the local ecosystem.
ecotown	A new town designed to have as little environmental impact as possible is called an <b>ecotown</b> .

emigrant	An <b>emigrant</b> is someone who leaves their country to live in another one for longer than a year.
energy	The <b>energy</b> gap is the difference between a rising demand for <b>energy</b> and the country's ability to produce that <b>energy</b> .
engineering	Hard <b>engineering</b> refers to the use of concrete and artificial structures in coastal defenses.
environmental	<b>Environmental</b> impact is the effect of a natural event on the landscape and ecology.