

Subject	Geography
Unit/Topic	GCSE - UK in the 21 st Century

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Ageing population	Population structure that becomes distorted with a high and increasing proportion of people in middle and old age.
Built Landscape	The human-made surroundings that provide the environment for human activity; may also refer to towns, cities or other urban areas.
Counter-urbanisation	The movement of people from urban areas into rural areas; these may be people who originally made the move into a city.
Culture	The values and beliefs of a particular society or group of people; often associated with the arts and creativity.
Demographic transition model	A theoretical model based on the experience in the UK showing changes in population characteristics over time.
Economic Hub	A central point or area associated with economic success and innovation.
Globalisation	The process whereby places become interconnected by trade and culture.
Green belt	An area of land around several major urban areas, given protection under the Town and Country Planning Act of 1947, to prevent urban sprawl.
Industrialisation	The process whereby factories, industry and manufacturing increase and dominate.
Informal sector	Refers to jobs that don't offer regular contracted hours, salary, pensions or other features of more formal employment; may refer to illegal or unlicensed activity.
Infrastructure	The basic structures and facilities needed for a society to function, such as building, roads and power supplies.
Internal growth	Growth within a city that results from births among the resident population rather than people moving into the city.

Media	The communication of information and ideas, commonly involving newspapers, magazines, TV and the internet, but also involving music, theatre and even video games.
Migration	The movement of people from one place to another; may be voluntary or forced, permanent or temporary, domestic or international.
Multilateral	Action taken, often in form of aid or sanctions, involving several different countries.
Population density	The number of people in an area, usually expressed as people per square km.
Refugee	A person who has been forced to leave their home country and move to another country, often in response to persecution or natural disaster.
Unilateral	Action taken, often in the form of aid or sanctions, involving a single country.