Subject	Geography
Unit/Topic	GCSE - Resource Reliance

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Afforestation	The conversion of open land to forest; especially, in Britain, the planting of coniferous trees in upland areas for commercial gain. Compare deforestation.
Climate	The average atmospheric conditions in a region. A statement of climate is concerned with long-term trends. Thus the climate of, for example, the Amazon Basin is described as hot and wet all the year round; that of the Mediterranean Region as having hot dry summers and mild wet winters.
Commercial agriculture	A system of agriculture in which food and materials are produced specifically for sale in the market, in contrast to subsistence agriculture. Commercial agriculture tends to be capital intensive.
Conflict	Disagreement between two countries
Conservation	The preservation and management of the natural environment. In its strictest form, conservation may mean total protection of endangered species and habitats, as in nature reserves. In some cases, conservation of the manmade environment, e.g. ancient buildings, is undertaken.
Deforestation	The practice of clearing trees. Much deforestation is a result of development pressures, e.g. trees are cut down to provide land for agriculture and industry.  Compare afforestation.
Employment structure	The distribution of the workforce between the primary, secondary, tertiary and quaternary sectors of the economy. Primary employment is in agriculture, mining, forestry and fishing; secondary in manufacturing; tertiary in the retail, service and administration category; quaternary in information and expertise.
Energy	Power derived from the utilization of physical or chemical resources, especially to provide light and heat or to work machines.
Food security	The state of having reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food.

Mechanisation	The introduction of machines or automatic devices into a process, activity, or place.
Overfishing	Deplete the stock of fish in (a body of water) by excessive fishing.
Poverty	The state of being extremely poor.
Reservoirs	a large natural or artificial lake used as a source of water supply.
Resources	A stock or supply of money, materials, staff, and other assets that can be drawn on by a person or organization in order to function effectively.
Supply and demand	The amount of a product, or service available and the desire of buyers for it.