

## Geography GCSE command words

<b>Command Word</b>	<b>Definition</b>
Identify/State/Name	Recall or select one or more pieces of information
Define	State the meaning of a term
Calculate	Produce a numerical answer, showing relevant working.
Draw/plot	Create a graphical representation of geographical information.
Label	Add a label/labels to a given resource, graphic or image.
Describe	Give an account of the main characteristics of something or the steps in a process. Statements in the response should be developed but do not need to include a justification or reason. E.g. 'this leads to...' but not 'this is because...'
Compare	Find the similarities and differences of two elements given in a question. Each response must relate to both elements, and must include a statement of their similarity/difference.
Explain	Provide a reasoned explanation of how or why something occurs. An explanation requires a justification/exemplification of a point. Some questions will require the use of annotated diagrams to support explanation.
Suggest	Apply understanding to provide a reasoned <u>explanation</u> of how or why something may occur. A suggested explanation requires a justification/exemplification of a point.
Assess	Use evidence to determine the relative <u>significance</u> of something. Give consideration to all factors and identify which are the most important.
Evaluate	Measure the value or success of something and ultimately provide a substantiated judgement/conclusion. Review information and then bring it together to form a conclusion, drawing on evidence such as strengths, weaknesses, alternatives and relevant data.
Select...and justify	Select one option from those given and justify the choice, drawing across the resources provided and knowledge/understanding. The justification should include consideration of the alternative options in order to provide a supported argument in favour of the chosen option.