

Geography KS3 Mastery Curriculum Assessment Criteria – Year 9 - 2025

Skill	Emerging	Developing	Mastery	Ambitious
Contextual world knowledge	You can locate some of the places affected by flooding in the UK.	You can locate and describe some of the places affected by flooding in the UK and tropical storms around the world.	You can locate and describe some of the places affected by flooding in the UK and tropical storms around the world. You can also describe areas affected by Storm Emma and The Beast from the East.	You can locate and describe some of the places affected by flooding in the UK and tropical storms around the world with particular reference to storm Haiyan. You can also describe areas affected by Storm Emma and The Beast from the East and pinpoint their points of origin.
Geographical understanding	You can distinguish between human and physical processes and how they can impact on extreme weather.	You can describe how simple physical and human processes interact to influence extreme weather. You can define what is meant by a flood, heatwave, drought, heatwave and tropical storm.	You can describe how simple physical and human processes interact to influence extreme weather. You can define what is meant by a flood, heatwave, drought, heatwave and tropical storm. You can describe and make clear links between the causes and effects of extreme weather.	You can describe in detail patterns of both physical and human geography and how they can impact on extreme weather. You can describe and explain how a flood, heatwave, drought and tropical storm have affected different parts of the world. You make clear links between these events.
Geographical skills	You can locate places using an atlas. Can recognise geographical features from photographs and diagrams. Knows the difference between photographs and pictures.	You can use an atlas to locate specific geographical features in a place that relate to extreme weather events.	You can use an atlas and other mapping information to accurately locate and describe information relating to extreme weather. You are gaining confidence when using GIS and graphs to view and display data.	You can effectively analyse geographical resources to detect patterns. You can use basic geographical data in a more independent manner and use graphs, ICT and GIS to display information.
Geographical literacy	There are areas of your written work that are unclear.	Your written work is clear although there are errors in	Your written work is clear and you make effective use of punctuation	Your written work is clear and well structured. You

	You rarely use evidence, facts, locations or data to support my written descriptions and explanations. You never use key geographical terminology in my writing. Your sentences are simple. You rarely contribute to whole class discussions or one to one discussions with the teacher.	your spelling and punctuation. You occasionally use evidence to support your descriptions or explanations and you occasionally use complex sentences in your written work. You rarely use key geographical terminology in your writing. You occasionally contribute to whole class discussion and from time to time ask geographical questions. Limited depth in extended writing.	and paragraphs. You often use specific details to support your written work and you often justify your viewpoints with evidence. You at times use key terminology where appropriate and understand the meaning of key terminology. You often contribute to whole class discussion and have also asked some geographical questions of your teacher and classmates. Your extended writing now shows more depth and detail.	effectively use key terminology and a combination of simple and complex sentences to describe and explain geographical concepts and ideas. You always use specific details and evidence to support your written work and often exemplify your writing. You contribute to whole class discussion and can pose geographical questions. You produce extended writing independently and can make appropriate links between geographical concepts.
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