

Skills Check List (For students to R.A.G. rate)

Red – emerging = I know some factual details about this topic, but without my book, this would be very challenging to recall and apply in my assessment.

Amber – developing = I am quite confident that I know about some of the factual details, but I would still need to use my book to double check statistics and wider knowledge to apply in my assessment.

Green – secure = I am confident and secure about this. I don't need to refer to any notes. The grasp of the knowledge is excellent as I can refer to factual details with ease and apply these in my assessment.

Topic / Enquiry	Key knowledge and factual details about:	Key geographical skills	R.A.G Rating Check List		
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Desertification	<i>What are deserts?</i>	Describe the distribution of deserts around the world Explain and link the distribution of deserts to atmospheric circulation.			
	<i>What is the climate like in the desert</i>	Describe and explain the difference between weather and climate. Describe and explain the typical climate of a hot desert.			
	<i>How do sand dunes form in the desert?</i>	Explain how sand dunes form in the desert. Explain how sand dunes can form in different shapes in the desert.			
	<i>How have plants adapted to life in the desert?</i>	Explain why plants have to adapt to life in the desert. Describe and explain how a cactus is adapted to desert life. Compare the ways that other plants have adapted to life in the desert.			
	<i>How have animals adapted to life in the desert?</i>	Describe and explain how animals have adapted behaviourally and physically to surviving in the desert. Link declining populations of a named desert animal to climate change, human activity and adaptations.			
	<i>Can humans survive in the desert?</i>	Describe the culture and ways of life of the Bedouin People of Northern Africa/Middle East. Explain how their way of life is a result of a need to adapt to desert life.			
	<i>Why are deserts getting bigger?</i>	Define drought and desertification in a detailed geographical manner. Describe the trend of desertification in Northern Africa. Explain why deserts are getting bigger.			
	<i>How could Northern Africa be impacted by a larger Sahara Desert?</i>	Explain how desertification can have social, economic and environmental impacts. Link desertification to development.			
	<i>How can local people reduce the growth rates of deserts?</i>	Describe and explain various local-scale strategies used to reduce the effects of desertification. Evaluate the effectiveness of these strategies.			

	<i>The Great Green Wall</i>	Describe and explain what the Great Green Wall Initiative is Describe how the Great Green Wall will prevent soil erosion and improve people's income Evaluate the effectiveness of the Great Green Wall			
	<i>How can deserts be utilised for human activities? Part 1</i>	Explain how humans use deserts Describe and explain how deserts can provide economic opportunities			
	<i>How can deserts be utilised for human activities? Dubai case study</i>	Describe the location of Dubai Identify the challenges Dubai faces Evaluate Dubai's effectiveness in solving challenges of desertification			