

Year 8 Autumn Term Assessment Descriptors – World Cities and Coasts		
	Knowledge	Skills
Strong	Evaluates the causes and consequences of urbanisation using detailed knowledge of places, push and pull factors, opportunities and challenges. Critically assesses the effectiveness of urban sustainability strategies using examples. Explains the formation of coastal landforms in detail, showing secure understanding of coastal processes. Critically evaluates the costs, benefits and effectiveness of coastal management strategies using evidence and examples.	Confidently locates places using latitude, longitude, continents, direction, 4- and 6-figure grid references, and scale. Accurately constructs and analyses line, bar and scatter graphs to explain trends using data. Produces detailed annotated diagrams of coastal processes and landforms. Interprets maps and photographs to explain geology and erosion and evaluate coastal management. Selects and presents data and research effectively to provide a comprehensive overview of a coastline.
Confident	Clearly explains the causes and consequences of urbanisation with reference to places, push and pull factors, opportunities and challenges. Assesses the effectiveness of urban sustainability strategies using examples. Explains the formation of coastal landforms with reference to key processes and stages. Assesses the costs and benefits of coastal management strategies and understands associated conflicts.	Locates places using latitude, longitude, continents, direction, grid references and scale with minimal support. Interprets graphs to identify trends in urbanisation and waste management using data. Draws annotated diagrams of coastal processes and landforms. Uses maps and photographs to describe geology and erosion and explain the strengths and weaknesses of coastal management. Presents data and research clearly to provide an overview of a coastline.
Developing	Describes the causes and consequences of urbanisation with some reference to places, push and pull factors, opportunities and challenges. Makes simple judgements about urban sustainability strategies with limited examples. Gives partial explanations for the formation of coastal landforms. Describes the costs and benefits of coastal management and shows some understanding of conflict.	Locates places using some geographical reference points, including continents, direction and simple grid references. Constructs basic graphs and identifies some trends with guidance. Draws simple annotated diagrams of coastal processes and landforms and makes observations from maps and photographs. Collects and presents basic data and research on a coastline, with limited explanation.
Emerging	With support, describes basic causes and consequences of urbanisation, including simple push and pull factors, opportunities and challenges. Identifies general ideas about urban sustainability with little reference to examples. Gives simple descriptions of coastal landform formation with limited reference to processes or examples. Makes basic statements about coastal management with little or no supporting evidence.	With support, locates places using simple geographical reference points, including continents, direction and basic grid references. Constructs basic graphs and identifies simple trends when guided. Produces labelled diagrams of coastal processes and landforms and makes simple observations from maps and photographs. Shows limited ability to research and present information about a coastline.