



Urban Issues

How does this unit link to prior learning?			
Year 7	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Map skills	Life in Mumbai and Dharavi	Africa (migration)	Living World (sustainability)
What will you be learning about?			
In this unit you will discover the global trends of urbanisation and explore the factors that make people want to move away from rural areas to cities. You will understand the impacts of rapid urbanisation on an LIC city. You will then discover the opportunities and challenges of living in a UK city, and explore how London is changing to accommodate a growing population. Finally you will learn about how some cities are changing to become more sustainable.			
Key Focus			
You will study the human geography of rural and urban living at a variety of scales and places in various stages of development. You will explore how people adapt to opportunities and challenges of living in cities. You will also learn a number of case studies including Mumbai and London. Each lesson will start with knowledge retrieval, which will cover the knowledge, understanding and skills you have developed in previous lessons.			
We will develop our learning by studying the following sequence of lessons:			
1. Global pattern of urban change Urban trends in different parts of the world including HICs and LICs. Factors affecting the rate of urbanisation – migration (push–pull theory) and natural increase. The emergence of megacities.		8. Urban change in cities in the UK leads to a variety opportunities and challenges: case study London. You will discover the location and importance of the city, regionally, nationally and internationally. You will cover the impacts of national and international migration on the growth and character of the city.	
2. Urban growth creates opportunities and challenges for cities in LICs and NEEs: case study Mumbai. You will discover the location and importance of the city, regionally, nationally and internationally. You will cover the causes of growth: natural increase and migration.		9. Urban change has created opportunities: case study London. You will discover a variety of opportunities: cultural mix, recreation and entertainment, employment, integrated transport systems, and urban greening.	
3. Urban growth has created opportunities: case study Mumbai. Social opportunities: access to services – health and education; access to resources – water supply, energy. And economic opportunities: how urban industrial areas can be a stimulus for economic development.		10. Urban change has created challenges: case study London. You will discover a variety of challenge: urban deprivation, inequalities in housing, education, health and employment, dereliction, brownfield and greenfield sites, waste disposal, urban sprawl on rural-urban fringe, and commuter settlements.	
4. Urban growth has created challenges: case study Mumbai. squatter settlements, providing clean water, sanitation systems and energy, access to health and education, reducing unemployment and crime, waste disposal, air and water pollution, traffic congestion.		11. Urban regeneration: case study London Olympics. You will discover why the area needed regeneration, and the main features of the project.	
5. Urban planning is improving the quality of life for the urban poor Case study: Dharavi redevelopment. Awe and Wonder. You will look in to the plans to develop Dharavi and how this could improve the QOL for people living there.		12. Urban transport – example London. You will discover how urban transport strategies are used to reduce traffic congestion.	
6. Interim Assessment		13. Urban sustainability – features of sustainable living. You will discover how resources are managed to provide sustainable living: water and energy conservation, waste recycling, and creating green space.	
7. Urban change in the UK Overview of the distribution of population and the major cities in the UK		14. Example of sustainable living: case study BedZed	
How will this unit help you in the future?			
Year 10 The skills you develop in exploring human geography, development and the economy will help with future Year 11 topics such as Changing Economic World. You will look at the theme of sustainability in detail in The Challenges of Resource Management.		Live Beyond Lode Heath This unit provides the foundation for further study of Urbanisation and human processes at A-Level and degree level. An understanding of sustainability will be essential for the future, as it will inevitable impact on your career and other aspects of your life.	
Key Vocabulary			
Urbanisation Natural Increase Migration Urban Decline Urban Change			
Sustainability Congestion Urban Planning Regeneration Push Factor Pull Factor Megacities			