



Core units: Inquiry and skills

Illustration 2: Contemporary geographical issues and the media – Year 6

A guide to investigating contemporary geographical issues

The task is to investigate a contemporary geographical issue.

The following points will help you to structure your research and the presentation of your findings:

- Name and briefly outline the issue or event.
- List the main sources of information about the issue.
- Read or view the material dealing with the issue or event.
- Identify the main people involved in, or affected by, the issue or event.
- Identify the scale at which the issue or event is relevant. Is it a global, national, regional or local issue or event?
- Describe or map (if appropriate) the area where the issue is relevant or where the event occurred.
- Identify the origins or causes of the issue or event.
- Describe the impacts of the issue or event on people and the environment.
- Outline how people have responded to or addressed the issue or event.
- Present your findings as an oral presentation accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation.

After you have conducted your investigation (research), complete the following tasks:

- Explain why the issue or event is of interest to geographers.
- State whether the sources you used presented different points of view about the issue or event.
- State whether the sources of your information proved reliable.
- Consider how the media have influenced your study of the issue.
- Explain how your research has affected your own views on the issue.
- State the actions you would personally take to address the issue.