

Exercise walk-through

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Vulnerability and resources: supported rehearsal

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The method

Method — Worked example

Exposure identifies people/assets in harm's path; vulnerability concerns susceptibility; resilience concerns capacity to respond and recover. Resource security includes reliable access and affordability, not just reserves. Climate mitigation addresses emissions; adaptation addresses effects.

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Original source / task evidence

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Separate what is stated from the interpretation.
Vulnerability and resources

Original classroom evidence panel for Vulnerability and resources

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3.1 Warnings supply information but need accessible response options. Drainage can reduce local impacts but takes resources and may shift water elsewhere. Evaluate transport, shelter access, maintenance, upstream/downstream effects and household evidence before a conditional recommendation. Authored points for a relevant judgement, reason tied to the case and justified qualification or method. Accept a supported alternative.