Unit 109: Plastering and interior systems

# Worksheet 32: Recognise defects (tutor)

1. Match the defect with its likely cause and write the cause next to the defect below.

**Type of defect Cause**

Hairline cracks on the plaster surface Shrinkage/strong mixes

Structural cracks Movement in background

Crazing of plaster surface High suction in background

Powdery surface Weak mixes/use of old material

Plaster blowing Strong plaster on weak backgrounds

Plaster systems separating No key between coats

Efflorescence staining Trapped moisture penetrating the surface

**Cause**

Strong plaster on weak backgrounds

Weak mixes/use of old material

No key between coats

Trapped moisture penetrating the surface

Movement in background

Shrinkage/strong mixes

High suction in background