Unit 109: Plastering and interior systems

# Worksheet 32: Recognise defects (learner)

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

Structural cracks

Crazing of plaster surface

Powdery surface

Plaster blowing

Plaster systems separating

Efflorescence staining

**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