

GCSE Geography Case studies and examples

Name drop example – brief, you might want to use this as an example to back up short answers

Located example – needs more detail, we spend a whole lesson (or sometimes more) studying these, you need a depth of knowledge and you should expect to be asked about these. The examiner will expect you to refer to them in your answers.

Detailed case study – these are major parts of your geographical learning, we spent many lessons learning about these and you **WILL** be asked about them – probably in a longer answer question.

Paper 1

Topic 1, Hazardous Earth:

1.3b **name drop** – Arctic, Bangladesh – low lying land, Kiribati – Pacific Island

1.6b **Located example**: The effectiveness of the methods of preparation and response to tropical storms in a developed country (**USA -Hurricane Katrina**) and a developing country (**Myanmar/Burma – Cyclone Nargis**)

1.8a **name drop**: Conservative/transform – San Andreas Fault, L.A. Destructive/convergent – Nazca and South American plate boundary, The Andes mountains (Subduction Zone). The Himalayas (collision zones). Constructive/divergent – Mid Atlantic Ridge, Iceland.

1.9a **Located example**: The primary and secondary impacts of earthquakes on property and people in a developed country (**Japan 2011**) and emerging country (**Pakistan (Kashmir) 2005**)

Topic 2, development dynamics:

2.1 b **name drop**: Thailand – strategies (free contraception) China – One Child Policy, Malawi – High fertility rates, falling death rates and rapidly growing population.

2.2a – **name drop**: The scramble for Africa (colonialism). China in Africa (neo-colonialism)

2.3 a – **name drop**: BT (TNC) call centres in India

2.4 - 2.7 **In depth study**: Development in an emerging country: **India**

Topic 3 – Challenges of an Urbanising world

3.1 a – **name drop**: Europe deurbanisation and Asia and Africa – Rapid urbanisation

3.1 b – **name drop**: megacities – in developed countries Tokyo, Japan. New York, USA. In emerging – Mumbai. In developing – Lagos, Nigeria.

3.4 – 3.7 **In depth study**: A megacity in an emerging country: **Mumbai, India**

[Paper 2](#)

[Topic 4, The UK's evolving physical landscapes](#)

4.1a **name drop:** Pennines and Lake District (upland) The Weald (lowland)

4.2b **name drop:** Ae – village in Scotland built to house forestry workers, plantation has shaped landscape

[Coasts](#)

4.3 a **name drop:** Stack – Old Harry's Rock, Arch – Durdle Door, Cove –Lulworth Cove.

4.3b **name drop:** rapidly eroding coast – Birling Gap, White Cliffs, Norfolk/Suffolk – soft rock.

4.3c **name drop:** Spit – Spurn Head

4.4b **Located example:** How the interaction of physical and human processes is causing change on one named coastal landscape including the significance of its location. **Christchurch Bay**

[Rivers](#)

4.6b **name drop:** Thames Estuary

4.6c **name drop:** Boscastle (influence of natural processes and human process on flooding)

4.7b **Located examples:** How the interaction of physical and human processes is causing river flooding on one named river, including the significance of its location. **Boscastle**

4.8b **name drop:** Thames Barrier and Boscastle embankments

[Topic 5, The UK's evolving human landscape](#)

5.1a **name drop:** Urban Core - Northern Powerhouse

5.2a **name drop:** free movement within EU – A8 countries

5.2b **name drop:** North – closure of Primary/Secondary industry led to decline. South benefitted from tertiary and quaternary due to better infrastructure e.g. The Cambridge Science Park.

5.3 – 5.8 **In depth study:** How a major UK city is changing: **London**

[Topic 6, geographical investigations](#)

Fieldwork: - **not needed for 2021**

Coastal: Eastbourne

Urban: East London

Paper 3

People and Environment Issues – Making Geographical Decisions

Topic 7 People and the Biosphere

7.1a **name drop:** Tropical forest- Amazon, temperate – UK, boreal forests –Canada

Tropical grassland African Savanna, temperate grasslands Russian Steppe.

Deserts Sahara, Tundra Arctic.

7.2a **name drop:** Awa tribe, Amazon

7.2b **name drop:** Sahel desertification

7.2c **name drop:** The Ilisu Dam

Topic 8 - Forests under threat

TRF – The Amazon, The Indonesian Forest, The Central African forest.

Taiga – Russia and Canada

8.1a **name drop:** animal adaptations e.g. Anacondas swim well and Aye aye's have very large eyes to see in the dark.

8.2a **name drop:** Caribou migration in Canada

8.3a **name drop:** All are examples found in the Amazon – Manaus was a specific example for urban sprawl.

8.3b **name drop:** Amazon Dieback

8.4a **name drop:** Tar Sands, Alberta

8.4b **name drop:** The Northern Pine Beetle in The USA and Canada and Blister Rust in Alberta, Canada

Topic 9 - Consuming energy sources

9.2 **name drop:** Exxon Valdez oil spill - Alaska, Amazon deforestation, The Three Gorges Dam - China

9.2b **name drop:** coal use in China, biomass in rural areas of developing countries, geothermal energy in Iceland

9.3a **name drop:** Saudi Arabia, The Middle East

9.3b **name drop:** The Gulf War, Russia cutting off Gas supply to Europe

9.4a&b **name drop:** Tar Sands, Canada **This is a really useful one as it covers a range of topics**