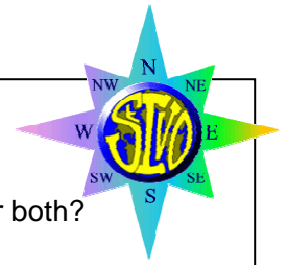


GCSE Geography Case Study Check List



REMEMBER:

When choosing a case study to use in an answer – read the question carefully – what does the scale of the example have to be? (e.g. **UK / EU / WORLD**); does it specify the example countries level of development (e.g. **MEDC / LEDC**); are you asked for **causes / effects** or both? Are you asked to **describe** or **explain**, or both? etc.

Summaries of most case studies and hints and tips for using case studies can be found on GeoBytes www.geobytes.org.uk (GCSE_Year 11_Revision Resources) or follow the link from the homepage

Unit 1 – People and the Physical World

EARTHQUAKES AND VOLCANOES

- Case study of an earthquake – **San Francisco (1989), California, USA**
- Case study of a volcano – **Mount St Helens (1980), Washington State, USA**

RIVER FLOODING

- Case study of a flood in an MEDC – **Lynmouth (1952), Devon, UK**
- Case study of a flood in an LEDC – **Bangladesh (1998 floods)**

COASTS

- Case study of coastal erosion and management – **Holderness Coastline and/or Dunwich (erosion) and Aldeburgh (management), Suffolk.**
- Named eg's of coastal features:
Headland and Bay – *The Foreland and Swanage Bay, Dorset* Arch – *Durdle Door – Dorset*
Stack – *Old Harry, Dorset* Spit – *Spurn Head, Holderness*
Tombolo – *Chesil Beach, Dorset* Bar – *Slapton Ley, Devon*

Unit 2 – People and Places to Live

POPULATION

- Case Study of a high population density area in the UK – **London and the South East**
- Case Study of a low population density area in the UK – **Scotland**
- Case Studies of High Population Density areas in the world – e.g. **River Basins (Ganges, Bangladesh; Nile, Egypt); NW Europe**
- Case Studies of Low Population Density areas in the world – e.g. **Deserts (Sahara); Mountains (Himalayas); Rainforest (e.g. Amazon, Brazil); Tundra / Arctic regions;**
- Case Study of strategies to influence population growth – **China's One Child Policy**
- Case Study of causes and consequences of international migration – **Turks to Germany**
- Case Studies of Internal Migration – **NE Brazil to Sao Paulo (LEDC) and WE Highlands of Scotland to Edinburgh (MEDC)** – also examples of rural-depopulation

SETTLEMENT

- Case Study of a shanty town and possible solutions – **Brazil, Sao Paulo**
- Case Study to show urban regeneration – **London Docklands or Glasgow Gear**
- Case Study to show urban traffic management / Problems in a CBD – **Cambridge Traffic Management**
- Case Study of an out-of-town shopping centre – **Meadowhall, Sheffield**
- Interdependence of Settlements – see local hierarchy sheet (**Needingworth, St Ives, Cambridge, London etc.**)
- Examples of Second Home areas – e.g. **villages along the North Norfolk Coast**
- Named Examples:
Commuter Village – *Needingworth (Cambs)* Brownfield Site – *Compass Point, St Ives*
Greenfield Site – *Cambourne*

Unit 3 – People and their Needs

QUALITY OF LIFE

- Contrasting Levels of Development – e.g. **India (LEDC) and the UK (MEDC)**
- Case Study of an industrialising LEDC / Rapid Economic Growth – **South Korea**
- Examples of Transnational Corporations – e.g. Nike USA, Ford, BP etc.

ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

Farming:

- Case Study of commercial farming in the UK – **Arable Farming in East Anglia (e.g. Lynford House Farm, Cambridgeshire)** (*Intensive Farming*)
- Case Study of subsistence farming in an LEDC – **Rice Farming in India** (*Intensive Farming*)
- Case Studies of changing in farming – **Green Revolution, India and changes in cereal farming in East Anglia**
- Example of Extensive (low output) farming – **sheep / hill farming (North Wales)** – just a named example – not a case study

Manufacturing / Distribution Industry:

- Case Study of a manufacturing industry – **Brewing Industry, Luton**
- Case Study of a distribution industry – **Argos Distribution Centre, Stafford**

Tourism:

- Case Study of tourism in an MEDC – **Menorca (EU) or Peak District National Park (UK)**
- Case Study of tourism in an LEDC – **Kenya, Africa**

ENERGY

- Examples of Transnational Corporations – e.g. **Nike USA, Ford, BP etc.**
- Case Study of the effects on economic activities and communities of changes in energy production – e.g. **Consett (NE Durham) or Holmewood, (Derbyshire)**

Unit 4 – People and the environment

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT & THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

- Case study to show opportunities, conflicts and environmental costs of extracting raw materials – **Limestone quarrying in the Peak District**
- Case Study of a Tropical Rainforest and Deforestation – **Amazon Rainforest, Brazil**
- Case Study of a National Park – **The Peak District National Park (UK) or the Lake District National Park (UK)**
- Case Study of Water Pollution – **The Sea Empress Disaster (1996), Pembrokeshire, Wales**

GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT

- Case Study of tackling the Acid Rain Problem – **Drax power station (North Yorkshire) + talk about the need international co-operation**
- Case Study of Global Warming – **need to learn possible national (UK) and global effects – see notes.**