



HOW TO PREPARE FOR A LEVEL GEOGRAPHY

We study the AQA A Level Geography specification. You can find a copy here:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/as-and-a-level/geography-7037/specification-at-a-glance>

At A-Level you will be studying both human and physical elements of Geography. The individual units you study will consist of ***Water and Carbon Cycles, Coastal Landscapes and Systems, Hazards, Changing Places, People and the Environment and Global Systems and Global Governance***. In addition to these you will also study geographical skills / investigation as a separate unit and complete a non-examined assessment (coursework) on a topic of your choice.

In preparation for A Level you may want to complete the following tasks:

1. Use <https://ourworldindata.org/> to find a choropleth map / graph or figure on a topic that interests you or that you think will link well to the topics studied at A Level. Analyse the figure and describe what patterns and trend it shows in one colour – consider the minimum and maximum values, range of data and any anomalies. In a second colour, what explanations can you give for the patterns shown?
2. Watch and complete one of the fieldwork live sessions run by the Field Studies council last year to help you prepare for planning your own investigation. For each there are pre-preparation tasks as well as a worksheet to complete.
 - a. *Investigating Place*: <https://encounteredu.com/live-lessons/ks4-5-investigating-place-280420>
 - b. *Hydrology and Flooding*: <https://encounteredu.com/live-lessons/ks4-5-hydrology-and-flooding-010520>
3. Listen to some of the past lectures on <https://geographyeducationonline.org>. There may be others coming up that you can sign up to for free!
4. The Curious Geographer YouTube channel hosts live interviews every Thursday which are often linked to various A Level topics including climate change, hazards and gentrification. Find the interviews and catch up on previous talks here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv3KwaZkZPCPT7NI6KYnnew>.



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5. Keep up to date with current affairs and what is happening in the world around you!
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