GCSE Geography Revision Sheet: How to Revise

🧠 1. Know Your Topics

Start by using the specification at the front of your books to make a **checklist** of the key topics in each unit. For example, there are three sections that you need to know in Natural Hazards: tectonic hazards, tropical storms and climate change

✅ **Action**: Use the specification to see exactly what you need to know about these different topics.

🗂️ 2. Organise Your Notes

- Use **mind maps**, **flashcards**, or **revision guides** to summarise key points.
- Create **case study sheets** for each named place (e.g. Haiti earthquake, New Zealand earthquake, Typhoon Haiyan, U.K 2022 Heatwave).
- Highlight key facts: **locations, dates, causes, effects, responses**.

✅ **Action**: Make a case study summary sheet for each topic.

📖 3. Use Active Revision Techniques

Passive reading doesn't stick! Try:

- **Blurting**: Read a section, then cover it and write down everything you remember.
- **Flashcards** (e.g. Quizlet): Use them for definitions, processes and case study facts.
- **Teaching others**: Explaining topics out loud helps retain them.
- **Retrieval practice**: Test yourself regularly on old topics.

✅ **Action**: Schedule a 10-minute quiz session each day.

🗺️ 4. Master Map & Graph Skills

- Practise **reading OS maps**, using grid references and interpreting map symbols.
- Understand how to **read and describe graphs** (climate graphs, population pyramids, etc.)
- Learn how to annotate diagrams and sketch landforms like meanders and spits.

✅ **Action**: Use past paper questions with maps and diagrams.

📝 5. Practice Exam Questions

- Use **past papers** and **mark schemes** from your exam board.
- Focus on command words: *describe, explain, evaluate, assess*.
- Practise timing your answers (especially 6- and 9-mark questions).

✅ **Action**: Write a 6-mark answer every 2–3 days.

🗓️ 6. Plan Your Time

Make a realistic revision timetable:

- Mix different topics and question types.
- Revise in 25–30 minute sessions with short breaks.
- Include days for **reviewing weak areas**.

✅ **Action**: Make a weekly plan including flashcard sessions, past paper practice, and topic reviews.

📌 Top Tips

- Use **colour coding** and diagrams to make notes memorable.
- Watch **Geography revision videos** (like GCSEPod or YouTube channels).
- Use **mnemonics** for processes (e.g. EROSION: Hydraulic action, Abrasion, Attrition…)
- Don't cram! Space out your revision for better memory.

🛠️ Useful Tools & Resources

- **Your teachers!** – See Mrs Senior or Mr Wells if you are struggling with anything
- **Seneca Learning** – interactive revision
- **BBC Bitesize** – topic summaries and quizzes
- **CoolGeography.co.uk** – case study help
- **Quizlet** – for flashcard decks
- **Past paper archives** – from the AQA website