How are case studies marked?

Remember case study questions are marked using 'levels' - it is really important that you learn place specific details so that you can write a well developed and located answer.

An example of how the levelling system might work for a 6 mark answer is as follows:

**Level 1 answer** - limited detailed / simple statements *(low marks 1-2)*

**Level 2 answer** - more developed statements *(medium marks 3-4)*

**Level 3 answer** - well developed and place specific statements *(high marks 5-6)*

**Answering case study questions - Hints and Tips**

1. How many marks is the question worth - make sure you write enough markable points and develop your answer well - think levels!

2. Read the question carefully, it is very easy to write everything you know about a case study and in doing so not actually answer the question! Think about the following:

   - What aspect of the case study is the question asking about - for example in the question "Describe the causes of a volcanic eruption you have studied" - the key word is **causes**, even if you write a great description of the consequences you will not get the marks as the question asks specifically for causes.
   - Does the question state whether you need to use an LEDC / MEDC or UK / EU example or does it not specify? (e.g. don't talk about tourism in Kenya if you are asked to write about the problems of tourism in an MEDC!)
   - Always locate the case study fully - e.g. Lynmouth, Devon, UK.

**Revising your Case Studies - what must you do?**

You should (!!!) have a full set of notes in your book?

- If not there is always the special revision guide that you will have been offered to buy.
- Also there is a FANTASTIC!!!! Website of a school that uses the same syllabus as us and which has put all of the case studies onto it!! How thoughtful! It is definitely worth a very good look:

  [http://cgz.e2bn.net/e2bn/leas/c99/schools/cgz/accounts/staff/rchambers/GeoBytes/Homepage/index.htm](http://cgz.e2bn.net/e2bn/leas/c99/schools/cgz/accounts/staff/rchambers/GeoBytes/Homepage/index.htm)

**Go into GCSE resource**

  Then go into GCSE - Year 11 Homepage – Revision Resources – Case studies

**And then just browse the 4 main unit titles!!!!!**