



# CAMBRIDGE HOUSE GRAMMAR SCHOOL REVISION CHECKLIST

## YEAR 8: Geography.

Summer 2026

Your Summer Examination will assess your knowledge and understanding of the topics listed (below). Use this checklist to help you with your revision and identify any gaps in your knowledge.

I can:	✓	✗
<b>Year 8 Unit – What is Geography?</b>		
1. Explain what geography is.		
2. Name the three different types of geography.		
3. Explain what each type of geography is about and give at least two examples for each.		
4. Give at least four examples of “geography” related jobs.		
5. Ask “geographical” questions.		
<b>Year 8 Unit – Location Northern Ireland and Great Britain.</b>		
6. Explain what a physical map and a political map show.		
7. Identify the location of the following mountains, rivers and loughs on a physical map of Northern Ireland: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mountains: Sperrin Mountains, Mourne Mountains, Antrim Plateau</li> <li>○ Rivers: River Lagan, River Foyle, Upper Bann, Lower Bann</li> <li>○ Loughs: Lough Neagh, Lough Foyle, Upper Lough Erne, Lower Lough Erne, Strangford Lough, Belfast Lough</li> </ul>		
8. Identify the location of the six counties of Northern Ireland on a political map.		
9. Identify the location of the main towns of Northern Ireland on a political map. <i>The towns you could be tested on are those which you labelled on the map in your booklet</i>		
10. Name the countries that make up the United Kingdom and identify them on a map.		
11. Identify the locations of the following on a map of Great Britain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cities: Glasgow, Edinburgh, Cardiff, Newcastle, Manchester, Bristol, Birmingham, London</li> <li>○ Mountains: Grampian Mountains, Pennines, Cambrian Mountains.</li> <li>○ Islands: Isle of Man, Isle of Wight, Shetland Islands, Outer Hebrides.</li> <li>○ Seas/inlets: English Channel, Irish Sea, North Sea.</li> </ul>		
<b>Year 8 Unit – Map Reading Skills.</b>		
12. Explain what an atlas is.		
13. Describe what a map is and recall the key characteristics of a good map.		



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14. Recall the points of the compass and use them to give and follow directions.		
15. Describe what a map is.		
16. Use and interpret O.S. map symbols.		
17. Use four figure grid references to find and locate places on a map.		
18. Use six figure grid references to find and locate places on a map.		
19. Understand what the scale on a map/plan means.		
20. Draw simple maps to scale.		
21. Measure direct and actual distance on a map.		
22. Describe three ways of showing height on a map.		
23. Identify physical and human features on a map.		
<b>Year 8 Unit – Polar Regions.</b>		
24. Describe the location of the polar regions.		
25. Identify the main features of the Arctic and Antarctica on a map.		
26. Describe the key geographical features of the Arctic and Antarctica: <i>topography, seasons, climate (temperature and precipitation) vegetation, wildlife (land and sea), humans</i>		
27. Identify and describe the location of Svalbard.		
28. Describe what polar seasons are like and explain how they are caused by the Earth's orbit.		
29. Describe and explain what the polar climate is like.		
30. Construct and interpret a climate graph.		
31. Explain how polar animals have adapted to the polar environment.		
32. Describe what the tundra is like.		
33. Explain how plants are adapted to the polar environment.		
34. Explain how the Nenets are able to survive in the Arctic.		
35. Describe and explain how the Nenet lifestyle is sustainable.		