

GCSE Geography – OCR A competition comparison grid

Attribute	GCSE Geography OCR A (Oxford University Press)	OCR GCSE Specification A Geography (Heinemann)
Full coverage of the specification in students' book	Yes	No
Content	Content for all four Units in the specification	Content for just three Units in the specification
Unit-by-Unit coverage of specification in students' book	Unit 1: four chapters Unit 2: two chapters – each with four investigations Unit 3: two chapters Unit 4: four chapters	Unit 1: four chapters Unit 2: one chapter Unit 3: one chapter, through 'skills' Unit 4: None
Endorsed by OCR	Yes	Yes
Extent of students' book	320 pages	92 pages
Price of students' book	£22	£12.99
Value for money of students' book	6.9 p per page	14.1 p per page
Answers	Yes – in teacher's handbook	No (apart from a few sample answers in students' book)
Lesson plans	Yes – on the OxBox CD-ROM	No
Exam-style questions with assessment criteria	Yes – on the OxBox CD-ROM	No
Editable resources	Yes – on the OxBox CD-ROM	No
Other resources easy to add	Yes – the OxBox CD-ROM is easy to use	No
Engagement / interest of students' book	Bright, colourful, attractive	<i>You decide</i>
Clarity of students' book	Accessible text, well sign-posted	<i>You decide</i>
Support materials	Teacher's handbook (352 pages), OxBox CD-ROM	Dedicated website, containing activity sheets and weblinks for further research.