How does **GCSE Geography Edexcel B** support geographical investigations and fieldwork?

The GCSE Geography Edexcel B specification states that:

- the experience of fieldwork helps students develop new geographical insight into contrasting environments
- students must carry out fieldwork and research as part of their investigations
- fieldwork must be carried out outside the classroom and school/college grounds
- students must carry out **two** investigations – one in a physical environment, and one in a human environment
- one investigation must be chosen from Investigating coastal change and conflict or Investigating river processes and pressures
- a second investigation must be chosen from Investigating dynamic urban areas or Investigating changing rural settlements

Geographical investigations are included in Chapter 6 of the Student Book as follows:

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Each investigation in the Student Book (6.1–6.5, 6.6–6.10 etc.) follows the same structure, and helps students to:

- design an enquiry using fieldwork and research
- find out about different techniques for collecting primary data
- process and present their data
- analyse and draw conclusions
- evaluate, reflect, and think critically about their enquiry

Students will be assessed on investigations in Paper 2, Section C in the final exam. They must answer **one** from two optional questions on the physical environment investigations, and **one** from two optional questions on the human environment investigations.

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