

Geography is the study of the earth's surface, its atmosphere and its features. These are some of the topics we learn about in geography.



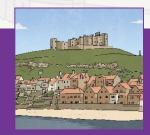
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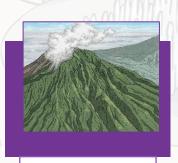
towns and cities



farming



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volcanoes



Geography is usually divided into two main branches:

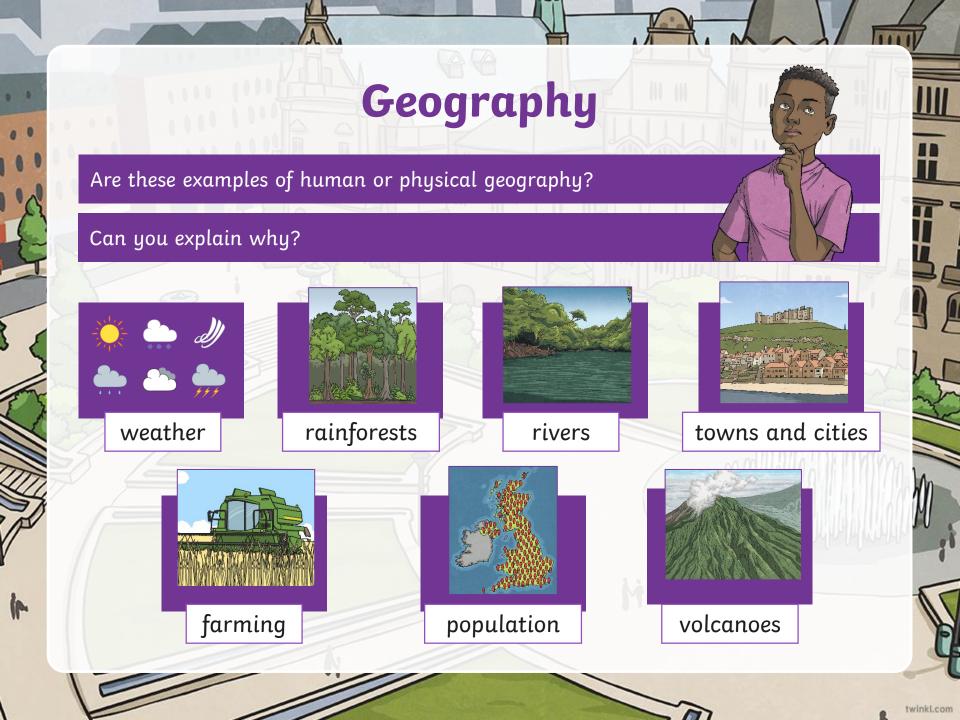
physical geography



human geography



What do you think is meant by human and physical geography?



# Human and Physical Geography

### Human Geography

Human geography relates to human activity or something that is humanly-constructed.

It studies the interaction between human activity and the planet.

Human geography might answer questions like:

- What is the largest city in Africa?
- Why is the UK population growing?
- Why do we experience global warming?



### Physical Geography

Physical geography relates to geography that is naturally occurring.

It studies the natural environment and landscapes of our planet.

Physical geography might answer questions like:

- What happens when a volcano erupts?
- Why does a river flood?
- How are mountains formed?









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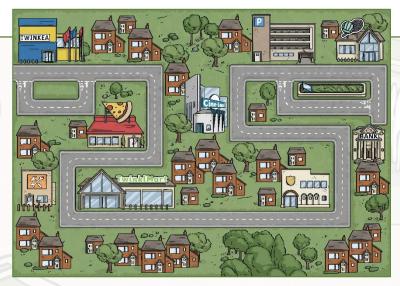


### Settlements

Settlements are places where people live and work.

They can vary in size and have different populations, from tiny hamlets to large, sprawling cities.

Studying settlements can also include looking at features, such as homes, schools, shops, parks and libraries.



#### Land Use

Land use is when humans use an area of land for a specific purpose to meet their wants and needs.

The land may be used as it naturally exists or changed to fulfil a particular role.

There are five main types of land use.

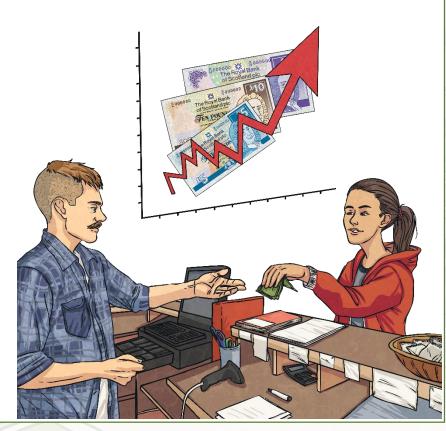


#### **Economic Activity**

Economy relates to how good a place is at producing and making goods and how much money it has (its wealth).

When we study economic activity, we look at the amount a country sells and makes, as well as their trade links with other areas.

This can affect the country's wealth and other factors, such as employment and housing.



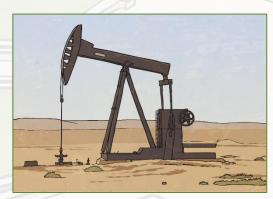
#### **Energy Resources**

When we study energy resources, we look at what opportunities an area of land offers to generate electricity.

Some areas of land might contain fossil fuels, such as coal, oil or gas.

Other areas have an ideal climate or landscape for harvesting renewable energy sources, such as solar, wind, hydroelectric or geothermal power.





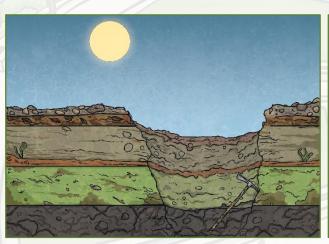


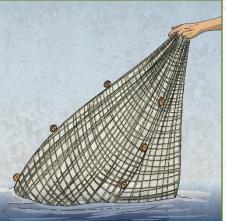
#### **Resource Distribution**

Humans rely on natural resources, such as food, water, energy and minerals for survival.

Different areas of earth have different amounts of each of these resources.

When we learn about resource distribution, we explore the ways in which humans make use of different resources and how the location of natural resources affects the way we live our lives.







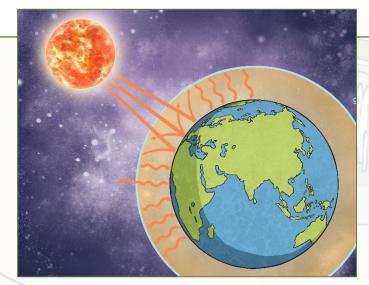


#### Climate Change

Climate change is sometimes called global warming. It is the process of our planet heating up.

We study the human causes of climate change and the effect it has on the planet.

Learning about climate change also involves exploring possible solutions to the problem.



### **Population**

Population means the number of people who live in a specific area.

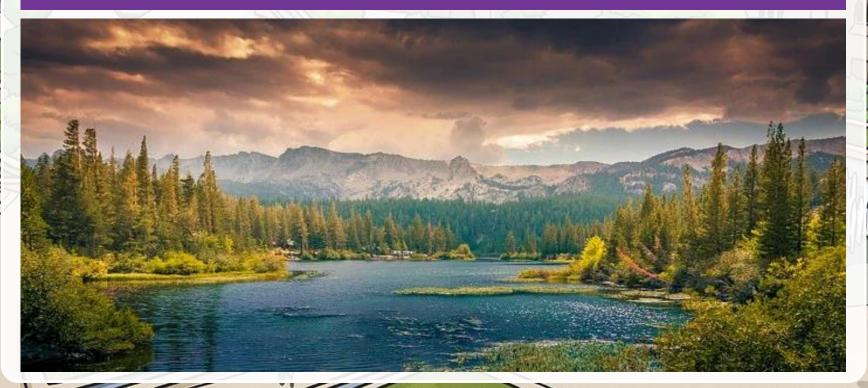
Populations change over time and the population of Earth is growing rapidly.

In geography, we explore possible reasons for changes in a place's population, for example births, deaths or migration.





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- What aspect of physical geography might you be learning about? It could be more than one!



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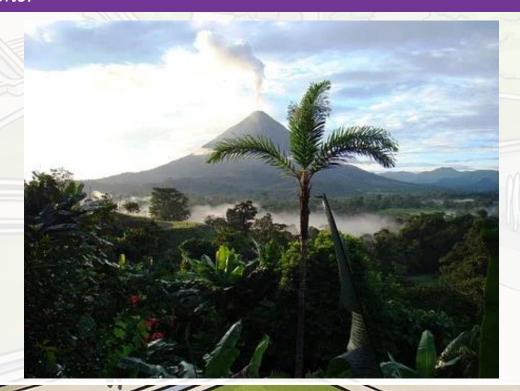
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