

What is Geography?

This is a useful starting point for all pupils and includes the following Key Ideas - Geography is about places, people and the relationships which exist between them. Geographers use a variety of methods to study their subject.

Weather and Climate

Key Ideas: Weather and Climate vary from place to place and over a period of time, which may be short-term or long-term in duration. These variations are due to the influence of physical and human factors.

River Basins

Key Ideas: A river system has a variety of characteristics and features and plays a major part in the Water Cycle. Flooding can be a problem in some areas, and relief schemes play an important part in controlling a river.

Settlement

Key Ideas: A variety of factors encourage the siting and development of settlements. Both Urban and Rural areas offer advantages and disadvantages. Settlements change over time. People's shopping habits change also, and have an impact on settlements.

Environmental Concerns

Key Ideas: People may misuse the environment and its resources. Conservation and protection need to be in place. Our resources need to be carefully managed.

Population

Key Ideas: People are spread unevenly over the world. Some places attract people to live there, and may become crowded, whilst other locations create hazards and very few people live there. People move from place to place; migration across countries and continents are processes to study. The relationship between people and resources needs careful management.

Natural Environments

Key Ideas: There are patterns of climate and ecosystem across the world. Geographers study the different environments which exist on our planet, and examine their characteristics. The effects of people on these environments are also studied.

Tourism

Key Ideas: This is a rapidly expanding area of economic activity. Many tourist activities bring considerable benefits to certain areas and nations, whilst others may cause problems to specific environments.