

GCSE Geography

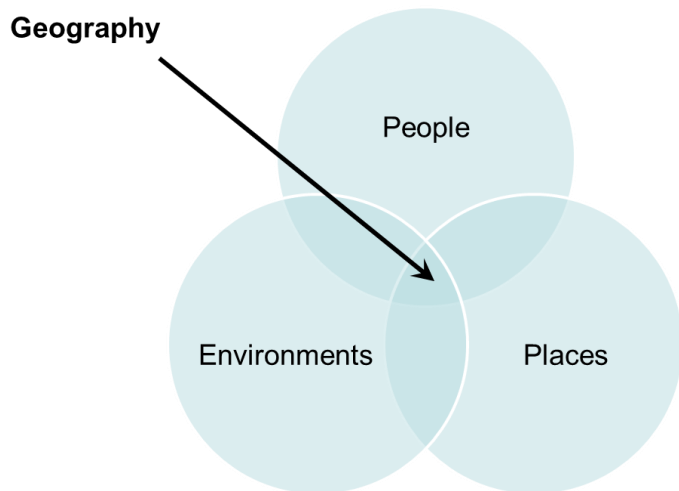
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Why do you learn Geography?

Geography is a relevant, hands-on subject that helps you to make sense of the world around you. At GCSE level a vast variety of topics are studied across both human and physical geography that help to tackle some of the most pressing challenges facing the world today.

Geography GCSE will deepen your understanding of geographical processes, the impact of complex people-environment interactions, the dynamic links between places and environments, and develop your ability to use a wide range of geographical investigative skills and approaches, including statistical skills, ICT skills (including GIS), and graphical skills. Geography enables you to become globally and environmentally informed, and thoughtful, enquiring citizens. Geography offers you skills that cross over the boundaries of STEM subjects and those in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. Simply put, Geography keeps your options open and opens the door to a wide variety of careers.



What will you study?

The course comprises three principal areas: the physical environment, human challenges, and geographical application

Living with the physical environment topics include:

- The challenge of natural hazards
- The living world
- Physical landscapes in the UK
- Fieldwork investigation

Challenges in the human environment topics include:

- Urban challenges
- The changing economic world
- The challenge of resource management
- Fieldwork investigation



Assessment

Paper 1 (35%) Living with the Physical environment topics 1 ½ hours

Paper 2 (35%) challenges in the Human environment topics 1 ½ hours

Paper 3 (30%) Geographical applications: issue evaluation and fieldwork 1 ¼ hours

Career paths

Geographers enter a very wide range of career areas and put simply there is no such thing as a geography job, just jobs that Geographers do.

Geography graduates have one of the highest rates of graduate employment. Geography graduate earnings outperform other subjects, particularly for women, they earn 10% more than average graduate salaries! (*Institute for Fiscal Studies*).

Some of the careers Geographers have gone on to do include environmental planning, resource management, geographical information systems, law and human rights, accounting, media & television, politics, travel & tourism, architect, social worker, housing developer, natural disaster management, medicine, prime minister, pilot, journalist, and teacher.