

Kemnal Keys: Geography — How do we do Geography?

What you should know	What you should be able to do
Geography is the study of the Earth Physical geography is the study of all things natural, such as mountains, oceans, soils, rivers, tectonics, weather, etc. Human geography is the study of all things human, such as population, settlement, cities, trade, countries, development, etc Environmental geography is the study of how humans interact, connect, and use the physical world, such as mining, climate change, water use, etc. The Earth is a sphere (ball) and there are 5 major spheres of the Earth Lithosphere – the rocks and land beneath our feet Hydrosphere – all the water in rivers, oceans and lakes etc. Atmosphere – the air that we breath Cryosphere – the ice that covers large parts of the planet Biosphere – all living things on Earth including, for example, humans, plants, animals, birds and bugs	Describe the difference between physical, human, and environmental geography Identify the characteristics of each of the 5 major spheres of Earth
Geographers ask a lot of questions to be able to find out about the Earth. We use STEEP to help us S = Social – To do with people T = Technological – To do with technology and machines Ec = Economic – To do with money En = Environmental – To do with the landscape and resources P = Political – To do with rules, laws, beliefs, and cultures	Use STEEP to ask questions and provide answers about a place
Geographers use IDEAL when writing about the Earth I = Identify – state what something is or where it is D = Describe – state what something is like E = Explain – give reasons why something is the way it is A = Apply – include your knowledge of a situation to a place L = Link – make your answer link back to the question	Use IDEAL to ask questions and provide answers about a place
The Earth can be divided in different ways Continents – major land masses of the Earth; Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Australasia, and Europe Oceans – major bodies of water; Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Arctic, and Southern Countries – smaller areas of continents divided by political boundaries Hemispheres – half the Earth; Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, Eastern Hemisphere, Western Hemisphere Latitude tells us how far north or south a place is Latitude is measured from 0° at the equator to 90° at the North and South Poles The equator is a line of latitude that is an imaginary line around the middle of the planet Longitude tells us how far east or west a place is Longitude is measured from 0° at the Prime Meridian to 180° at the International Date Line The Prime Meridian is an imaginary line of longitude that runs from the top to the bottom of the planet and it runs through Greenwich, London The International Date Line is also an imaginary line of longitude and also runs from the top to the bottom of the planet. It is on the other side of the planet from the Prime Meridian The Tropic of Cancer is an imaginary line of latitude that runs around the planet at 23° north of the equator The Tropic of Capricorn is another imaginary line of latitude that runs around the planet at 23° south of the equator	Identify some countries and their continents on maps Describe the location of a place using latitude and longitude and state which hemisphere it is located in
To locate different places around the world we use CLOCCC C = Continent L = Latitude (how far north or south somewhere is) O = Oceans and seas C = Countries C = Compass Direction (north, south, east, west) C = Climate (the average temperature and precipitation (rainfall) of a place measured over a long period of time)	Use CLOCCC to locate a place and identify some of its characteristics



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2. You are exploring the geography of a new location.	
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Social	
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Economic	
Environmental	
Political	
4. Analyse the image below using IDEAL	
Identify	
Describe	
Explain Apply	
Link	
6a) Africa, Antarctica, Australasia, Europe, North America, and South America. Which continent is missing?	
6b) Which continent is the largest?	
6c) Which continent is the smallest?	
6d) Which continent is the UK part of?	