

# What is Geography?

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- **Geography** is the science that tries to understand how the Earth works and how humans change it.
  - This science examines the Earth’s surface and the processes that shape it.
  - Geography especially looks at the relationship between people and the Earth’s physical environment.
  - To understand our relationship with the Earth, geographers ask questions and search for answers to problems. By exploring these problems, we can make better, wiser decisions.
- Geographers try to answer three questions:
  - Where are things located on Earth?
  - What are the connections between people and the Earth?
  - How can we illustrate this information to understand it better?
- Geography has two main focuses:
  - The Earth’s physical geography (natural things)
  - The Earth’s human geography (people and things related to people such as cities)