

Exploring Our World: Human and Physical Geography

Learning objective: To identify and describe the differences between human and physical geographical features.

Finn the dolphin is helping us map the world! Use the prompts below to write a report explaining the difference between physical features (things made by nature) and human features (things made by people).

Geography is the study of the world around us, and it is divided into two main types: physical and human.

Word bank: natural · man-made · environment · landscape · artificial · coastline · infrastructure · furthermore · in contrast · for example

1. What is physical geography? Use a sentence starter like: 'Physical geography refers to...' and give two examples of natural features.

2. What is human geography? Use a sentence starter like: 'In contrast, human geography is...' and give two examples of man-made features.

3. How can we tell the difference between a physical feature and a human feature? Start with: 'One way to tell the difference is...'

4. Look at your local area. Which physical features can you see? Start with: 'In my local area, the physical features include...'

5. Look at your local area. Which human features can you see? Start with: 'Nearby, the human features created by people are...'

6. How do human features sometimes change the physical landscape? Start with: 'Sometimes, humans change the environment by...'

Extension challenge: Can you think of a feature that might be both? For example, a canal is made by humans, but it uses natural water. Write a short paragraph explaining your idea.