

Exploring Our World: Human and Physical Geography

Learning objective: To identify and describe the key differences between human and physical geographical features in our local area.

Use this writing scaffold to help you write a report about the landscape of your town. Finn the dolphin suggests focusing on how the natural environment and human-made structures interact with each other.

Geography is the study of our planet, and it can be split into two fascinating areas: physical features, which occur naturally, and human features, which have been built by people.

Word bank: furthermore · consequently · in contrast · man-made · natural landscape · infrastructure · topography · predominantly · urban development · significant

1. Introduction: Define physical geography and list two natural features found in your local area. Start by writing: 'Physical geography refers to the natural environment, such as...' (2 marks)

2. Human Geography: Describe the human-made features in your town. Start by writing: 'Human geography involves structures created by people; for example, I can see...' (2 marks)

3. The Interaction: Explain how people use the physical landscape. Start by writing: 'The way people live is often influenced by the land, for instance...' (3 marks)

4. Comparison: Contrast the differences between the two. Start by writing: 'While physical features are formed by nature, human features are distinct because...' (3 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise why it is important to look after both. Start by writing: 'In conclusion, both types of geography are essential because...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research a different country and create a table comparing three physical features and three human features found there. Use £ to show the cost of a tourist ticket to visit one of these sites.