

# 1.1

## What is geography?

### Knowledge and understanding • Geographical skills

**m** verbal–linguistic • visual–spatial

1 Give two reasons why it is important to study geography.

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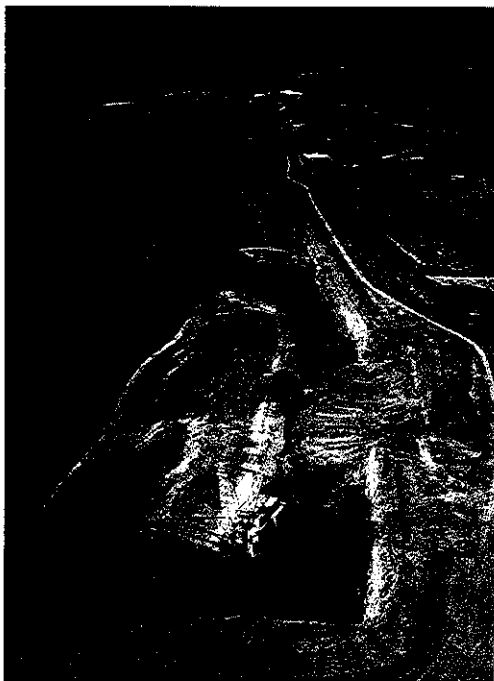
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2 Use words from the box below to complete each of the statements about geography.

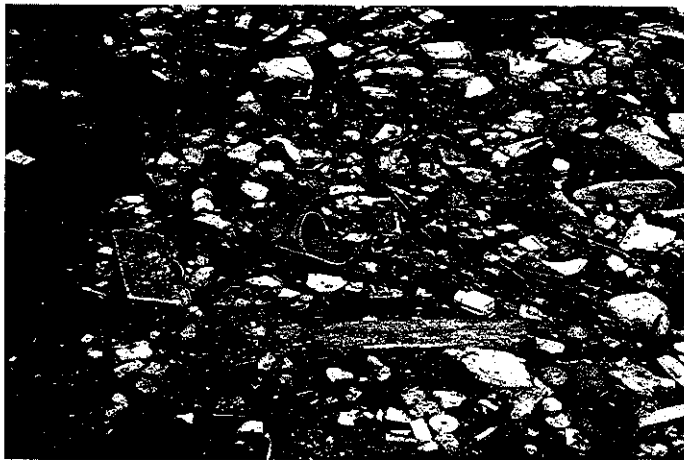
features   people   processes   world   places   events   environments   characteristics

- a Geography is the study of the \_\_\_\_\_ that make up our world.
- b Geography is concerned with the \_\_\_\_\_ that shape the earth's surface.
- c Geography studies the way people interact with their \_\_\_\_\_.
- d Geography seeks to explain the character of \_\_\_\_\_ and the distribution of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ on or near the earth's surface.
- e Geography helps us to better understand the \_\_\_\_\_ in which we live.

Study the photographs in Figures 1.1 and 1.2 and then answer the questions that follow.



1.1 A giant open-cut coal mine in the Bowen Basin, Queensland



1.2 Pollution from stormwater released into the Yarra River, Melbourne, Victoria