

Miriam's Vision

A Response to the 2005 London Bombings



Geography

Different Backgrounds, Common Ground

Session 2

Geography categories

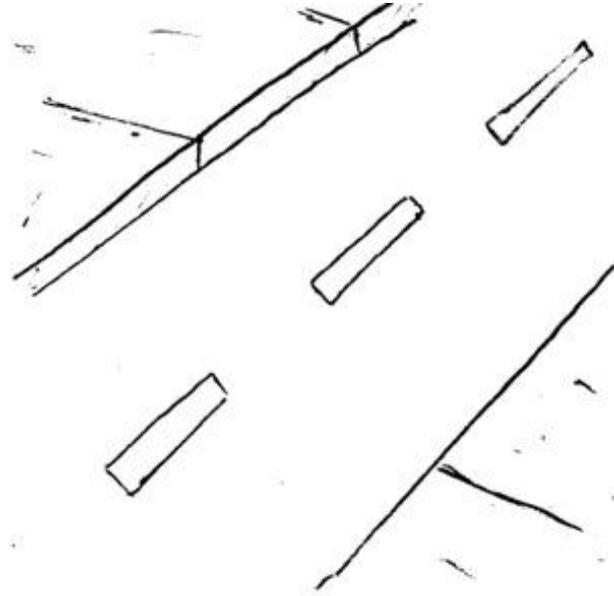
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Measuring development

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Describe your location.

The branches of Geography

Geography is split into two main “branches”, or categories.

Look at the list of the features of your location. Can you divide them into two categories?

What are the categories?

Next to each item on your list, write its category.

For definitions, go to the next slide!

The two official branches of Geography are...

Physical Geography:

“**Physical features** like seas, mountains and rivers are natural. They would be here even if there were no people around.”

Human Geography:

“**Human features** like houses, roads and bridges are things that have been built by people.”

What is Geography?

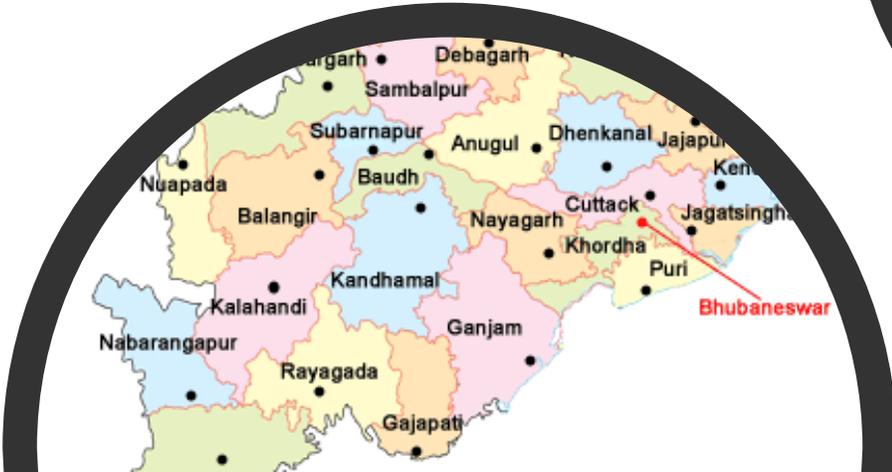
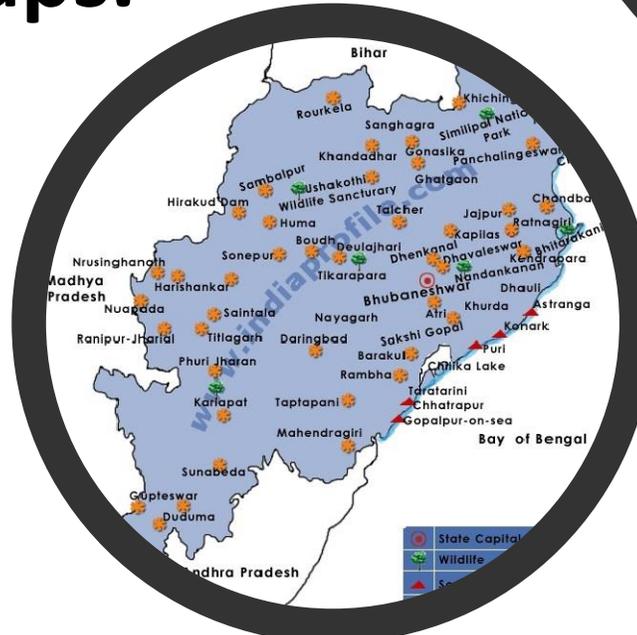
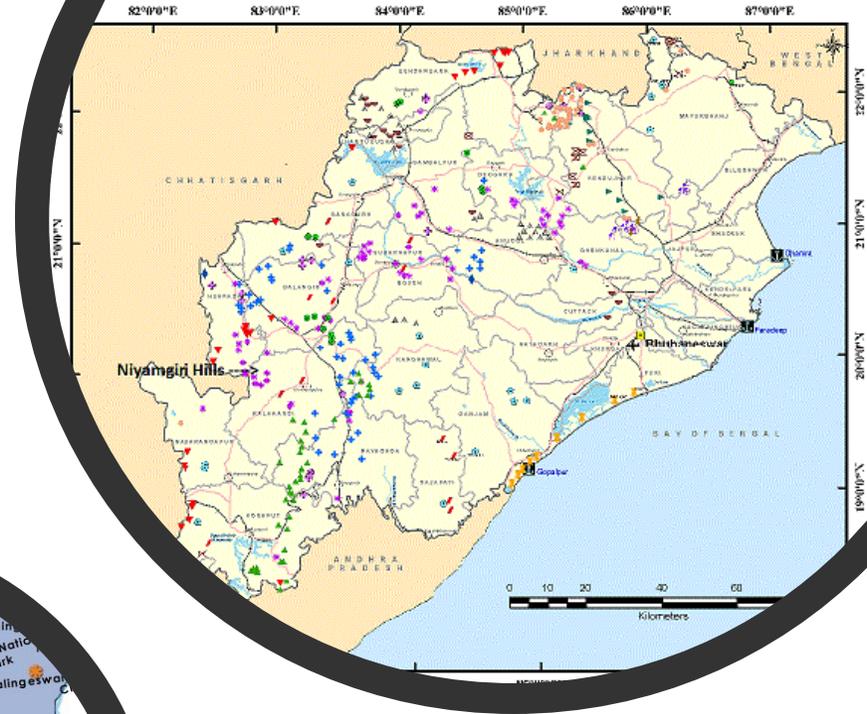
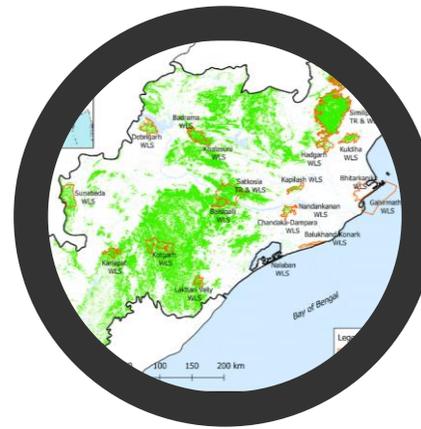
“Geography is the study of places and the relationships between people and their environments. Geographers explore both the physical properties of Earth’s surface and the human societies spread across it. They also examine how human culture interacts with the natural environment and the way that locations and places can have an impact on people. Geography seeks to understand where things are found, why they are there, and how they develop and change over time.”

Source: https://school-learningzone.co.uk/key_stage_one/ks1_geography/human_and_physical_geography/human_and_physical_geography.html

Look again at the Odisha maps.

Categorise each map into physical or human.

[MV Geography 1.2 Odisha maps](#)



Look at your homework from the last session.

- Categorise each of the comparisons you made into physical or human.
- Can **every** item be categorised into physical or human?

Comparing Odisha with my region

My region is called _____

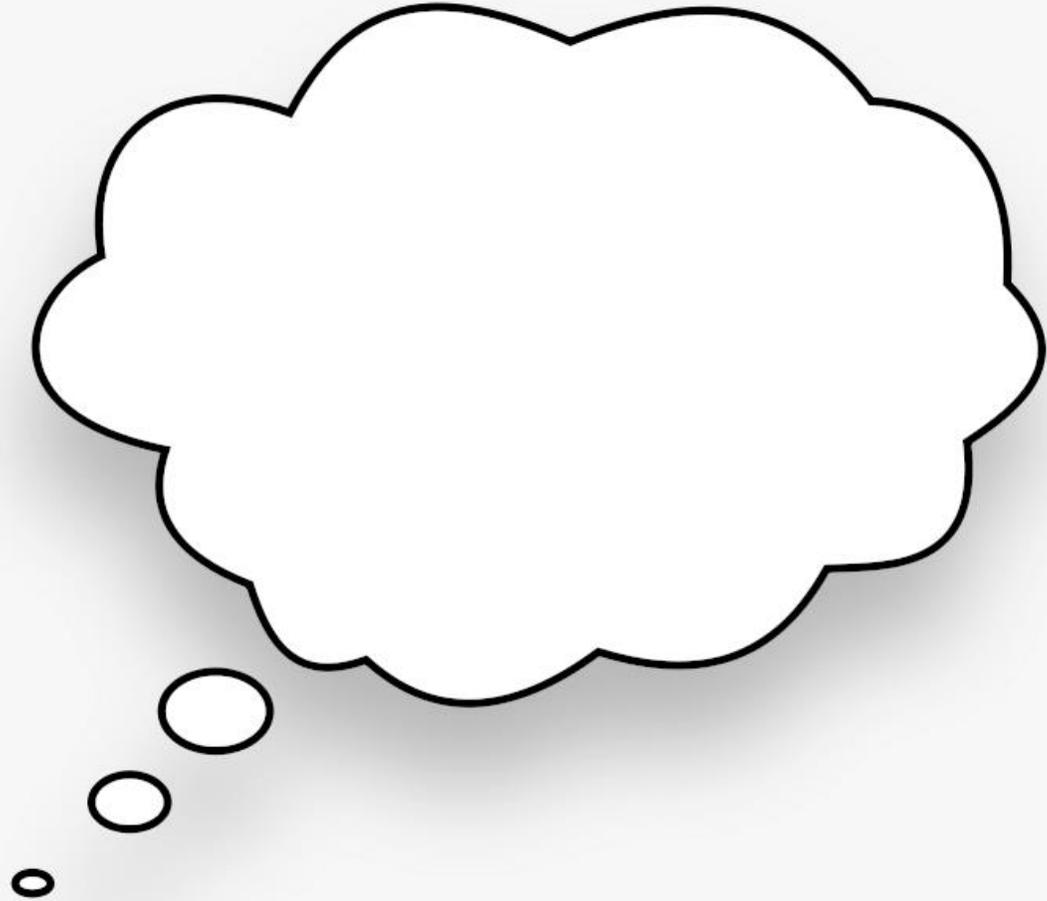
One example has been done to get you started.

Similarities	Differences
Both places have human populations	Odisha: Around 47.5 million My region:

Human

How can we measure the development of a region?

Brainstorm different categories that we can use to measure development.



Look at the United Nations Development Programme website.

Visit this page:

<https://hdr.undp.org/en/data>

Click on the drop-down menu under “Download data by indicator”. These are the categories that the UNDP uses to assess the development of countries.

Compare the list on the menu with the list of categories that you made.

Why is it difficult to measure and compare regions?

Brainstorm some reasons why it is difficult to measure and compare geographical regions.



The United Nations Development Programme produces Human Development Reports, comparing countries using a range of categories. For each country, a number between 0 and 1 is calculated.

Before you look at the table of countries, have a guess:

- Which three countries are at the top of the table (the most developed countries)?
- Where does your country rank?
- Where does India rank?

Homework

Compare your own country with India using the Human Development Index Ranking table on the United Nations Development Programme website hdr.undp.org/en/data .

Choose one other country to compare them with.

What format will you use?

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