



What's the Difference?

People have been studying geography since ancient times. The Ancient Greeks actually invented and named the subject. The word "geography" comes from the Greek word "geo," or "earth," and "grapho," which means "to write."

Many people think that studying geography means learning facts like countries and capitals or taking tests about mountains and rivers. In fact geography is much more interesting! Geography is a way of looking at the world and its people and solving problems.

Geography can help answer many questions. What is causing changes in the earth's climate? How can people protect themselves from storms? When will the next major earthquake hit? Where will a disease strike next? Learning about the world is very important.

There are two main areas of geography: physical and cultural. Physical geography looks at landforms, climate, and the earth's plants and animals. Cultural geography is the study of people and their ways of doing things. Cultural geography looks at where people live, why, and how.



What's the DIFFERENCE (or CONTRAST)?

1. **CONTRAST** the reading passage and the cartoon.

2. **CONTRAST** physical and cultural geography.