



# South Carolina

## 3 Studies Weekly

### WORLD GEOGRAPHY



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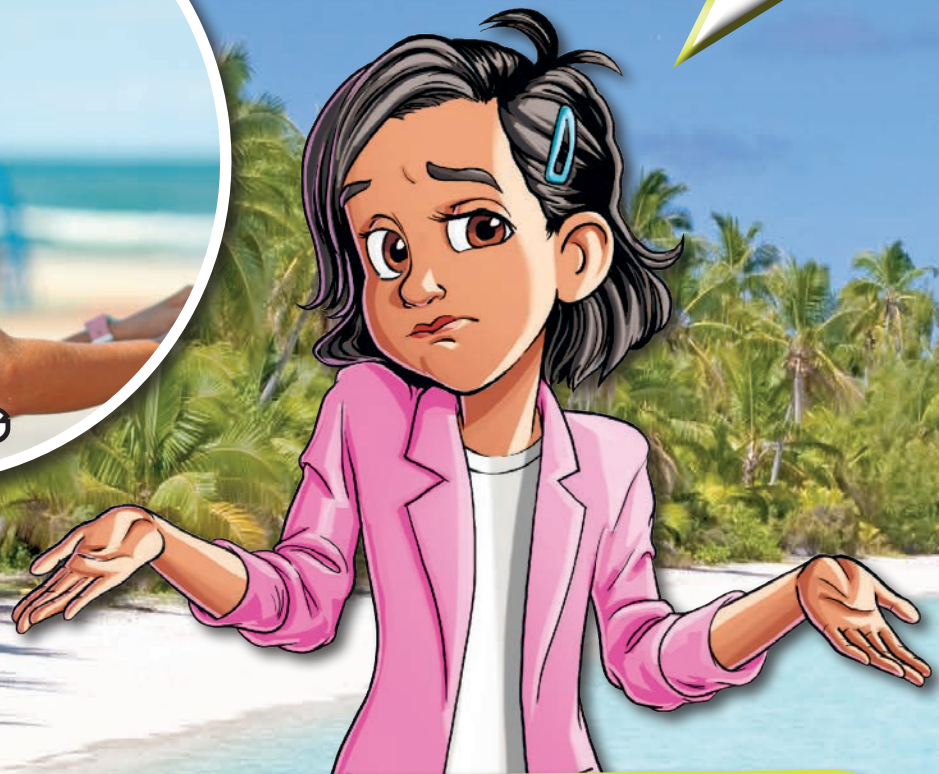


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- Q. Why do you think people live in different regions?
- Q. What resources are needed to provide food and shelter?



## How People Interact with the Environment

Humans have basic needs. We need water, food, clothing, and a place to live. When people are deciding where to live, they look for a place that has physical characteristics and natural resources that can provide food, clothing, and shelter.

We rely on resources in our environment to meet our needs. If you live on the beach,

your environment includes the ocean, the fish, the trees, and the wind. People who live near the ocean often eat fish. They use the wind to power a sailboat. They use wood from trees to build homes to protect themselves from stormy weather. People usually choose to live close to resources that help them meet their basic needs.

### INQUIRY QUESTION

What is the interaction between people and their environment?

# How People Interact with the Environment

## People Adapt to the Environment

People adapt to their environment. This means people change how they live based on their environment. Because of different environments, people wear different clothes, eat different foods and live in different houses. The jobs they do relate to their environment too. Trees and minerals are natural resources found in some environments. Forestry, mining, and drilling are examples of jobs created based on natural resources. What can you tell about the environment from the images?



## Positive and Negative Interactions

We can help or hurt our environment by the things we do. We need to use Earth's natural resources wisely. Look at the pictures. They show ways that people have changed the environment. Which images show ways we are protecting our environment? Which images show ways we are hurting our environment?

## Modifying the Environment

People also modify, or change, their environment to meet their needs. This means they change the place where they live. For example, people build dams to provide water for growing food and living. They clear land for farming. Look at the images of how people modify their environment. What are some ways people do this?



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# Help the Environment

Is there a problem in your community? What could you do to protect the resources and help your environment? Follow the steps to explain your solution.

You can answer on your publication, a separate piece of paper, or use your online annotation tool.



**1.** Identify the problem clearly. What exactly is happening? Is anything being done in the community to fix the problem?

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**2.** Brainstorm ideas to solve the problem. What else could you try?

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**3.** Write down your ideas.

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**4.** Share them with a classmate, your teacher, or an adult at home. What feedback do they have?

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**5.** How could you adjust your ideas based on the feedback you received?

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