

# Rules for Geography!

**Rule #1** Geography is about **LOCATION**.....about...  
What a location looks like  
The things that are in a location  
(farming, fishing, forestry, mining, manufacturing industry, services, climate, rocks, population);  
How one location is different from another;  
How humans live in a location; (e.g. economic activities in Boreal Climates)  
How humans are affected by a location; (e.g. earthquakes)  
How humans affect a location (e.g. undercutting of slopes causes landslides)

**Rule #2** When writing about Geography.....  
.....“Always start with a **definition**.”

**Rule #3** Write one point per sentence (**Statement**)  
Write lots about that point (**Development**)

} Makes up one paragraph

**Rule #4** Use **5WH**

Who  
What  
When  
Where

To  
**describe**  
something

Why  
How

To  
**explain**  
something

**Rule #5** Working out a **PROBLEM?**  
Think of.....**Causes?**                      **Effects?**                      **Solutions?**

**Rule #6** When writing about **CHANGE**  
remember that change is made up of a **before** and an **after**  
....and that something **causes** the ‘after’ to happen

**Rule #7** ‘**A picture tells a thousand words.**’  
Use **DIAGRAMS** where possible to illustrate what you are trying to explain  
*But only if asked or if it is **helpful** to your explanation*  
**DIAGRAMS** also help you remember things

**Rule #8** ‘**Keep it simple**’  
Write **ONE** point per sentence rather than write three or four things in a single sentence.

**Rule #9** **Know your stuff**  
Do your exercises as best you can. If you get a low mark, find out why so you can do better the next time. **Revise Regularly. Revise Regularly. Revise Regularly. Revise Regularly. Revise Regularly. Revise Regularly.**

**Rule #10** **Enjoy Geography**  
Nothing on this Earth can be interesting **ALL** of the time but **EVERYTHING** can be interesting most of the time. Be curious; look to learn something new; don’t panic about having to learn anything just because you’re in school. Enjoy it.