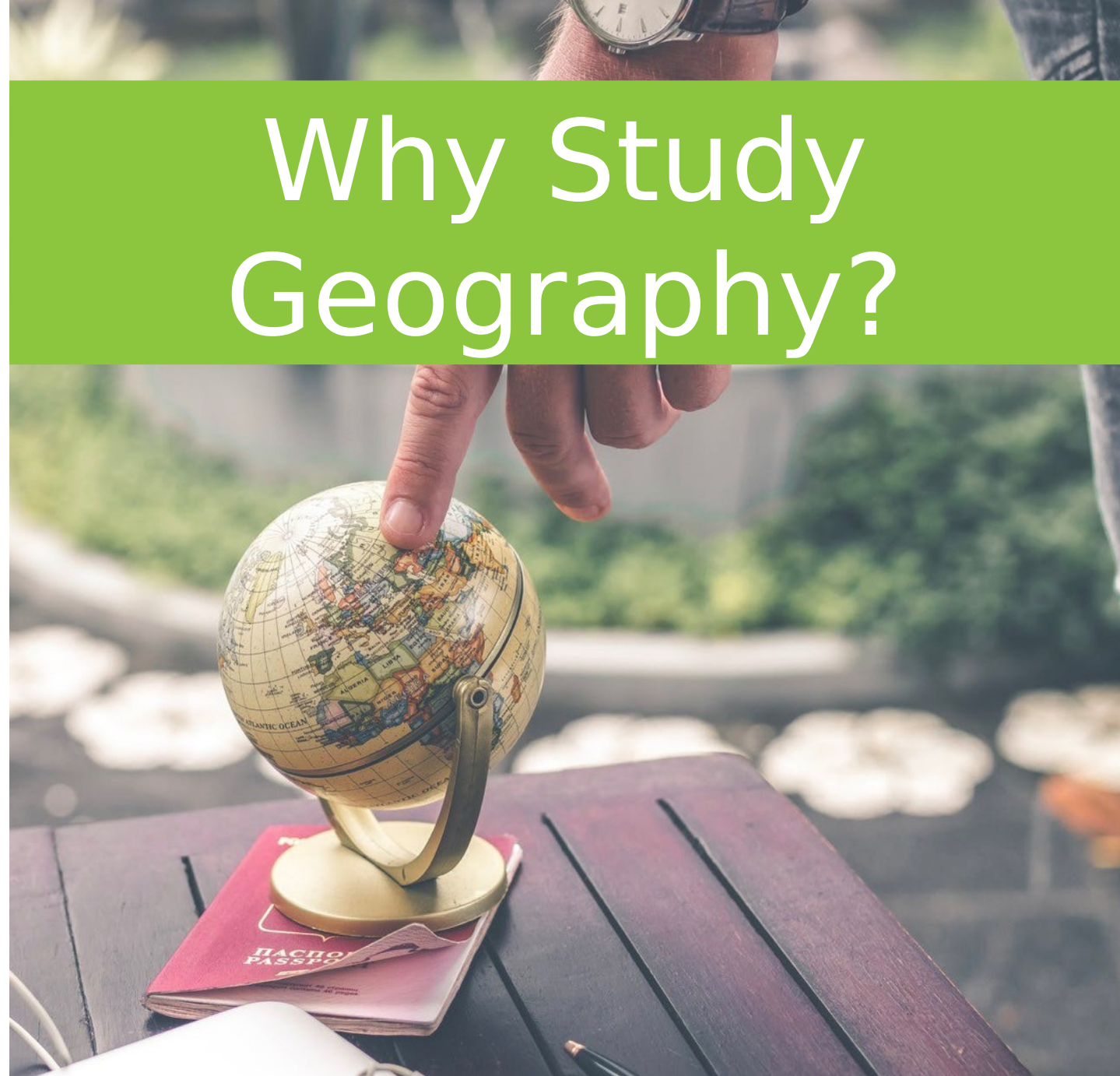




Facilitating
skills for the
workplace
and university

Why Study Geography?



Facilitating subjects

The Russell Group suggest that a group of facilitating A levels enable students to have a range of skills that are transferable to the workplace and also university.

They are:

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| 1. Chemistry | 5. Geography |
| 2. Physics | 6. History |
| 3. Biology | 7. English literature |
| 4. Maths | 8. Languages |



Why is geography considered facilitating?

- Problem-solving
- High in numeracy and literacy skills
- Encourages working well and integrating with others
- Promotes empathy



Why is geography considered facilitating?

- Knowledge about different economies and world populations.
- Flexes and supports many other subjects.
- These skills make geography one of the most employable subjects.



Where will geography take you?



“The study of geography is about more than just memorising places on a map. It’s about **understanding the complexity of our world, appreciating the diversity of cultures that exists across continents.** And in the end, it’s about using all that **knowledge to help bridge divides and bring people together.**”



Geography
will
develop
your
character
and culture



Leadership skills

- Geography enables you to understand the importance of both **empathy and evidence-based decision making** in effective leadership.
- It helps you understand that different **people are motivated** in different ways.
- You learn from your mistakes but also previous mistakes made by others that you learn about.
- You can **critically think** about how you can develop leadership skills to achieve others and your own future goals!



Organisational skills

- Geography helps students understand that **organised thinking** can improve problem solving skills. A key transferable skill!
- It enables you to understand that strong organisational skills require **a mixture of methodical working and flexibility**.
- Geography can help you **organise your thoughts on how to approach challenges** with a clear head.
- **Assessing is a key skill** in geography so the ability to between distinguish between what is important and what isn't.



Resilience skills

- Geography looks at areas where countries or leaders have shown resilience and therefore can identify the common barriers that make people want to give up.
- It enables you to understand the difference between self-evaluating and self-criticising. Evaluation is a key high order skill for geographers!
- The subject looks at problems and can focus on change of demands. For example in water and energy security.



Initiative skills

- Geography helps you understand how using initiative can help with **creative problem solving**.
- Through your NEA you gain understanding that continual challenge leads to improvement.
- Through **flipped learning and case studies** you can show how you work independently and have **strategies for finding answers about world issues**.
- With many branched to geography, the subjects lets you **seek opportunities** to further your learning in an area of



Communication skills

- Essential justification and evaluation questions in geography help with understanding the difference between disagreeing with people and disagreeing with opinions. Stakeholders and players involved are key at KS5.
- NEA and **presentation skills** in geography stretch your ability to communicate information in a number of different ways. Not just verbally.
- **Analysing texts** in geography aids the ability to distinguish between 'content' and 'rhetoric' to make the best judgement.



Common misconceptions

- Geography careers are **not** just weather forecaster and geography teacher
- Geography is **not** just useful to professional geographers
- There is so much more...



TASK:

List as many jobs as you can that Geography could support



Example jobs Geography can support

- Transport planner (such as working for TFL)
- Teacher
- Lawyer
- Travel advisor
- Flood risk coordinator
- Urban regeneration and town planner
- Work for an energy supplier
- Armed forces



Example jobs Geography can support with

- Meteorologist
- Hazard and crisis manager
- Journalist
- Humanitarian worker
- Landscape architect
- Surveyor
- Environmental campaigner
- Civil servant



Example skill from geography

Statistical analysis is essential to many jobs:

Banking, trading,
website design, retail
mangement, project
design, sports promoter
and many more!



Finding out about geography degrees and careers in geography

For information on geography degrees:

<https://www.topuniversities.com/student-info/careers-advice/what-can-you-do-geography-degree>

Comparing geography degree course:

<https://university.which.co.uk/subjects/geography>

Why study geography?

<https://www.rgs.org/geography/studying-geography-and-careers/geography-at-university/why-study-geography/>

Why do a geography degree?

<https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/courses/geography-environmental-science/six-reasons-to-study-geography-environmental-science/>



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