

Concepts and skills

The geography toolkit

Geography is the study of the world around us. Studying geography helps us understand how the Earth works. This includes natural processes (such as volcanoes, floods and the weather) as well as human activities (such as mining, tourism and building cities).

Geographers use a range of key concepts and key skills to study the world. Each of these concepts and skills is a tool that you can use to better understand your world. As you master each of these concepts and skills you will gradually fill your toolkit with a range of useful geographical tools.

Geographers are curious. They look at the Earth's **features** and always want to know more about them. For example, when they look at the Bungle Bungle Range (Purnululu National Park) located in the East Kimberley **region**, Western Australia, shown in Source 1, they wonder about many aspects of this natural feature. They want to know about:

- its size
- its location
- the types of rock in the area
- the types of plants and animals in the area
- its significance to Indigenous Australians
- the way it is used by people
- the way it is changing.



1A

What are the geographical concepts?

1B

What are the geographical skills?



chapter 1

Source 1 The Bungle Bungle Range in Purnululu National Park

1C

What is fieldwork?