

Location

Location identifies an absolute or relative position on Earth. Mount Cook is the highest point in New Zealand, located at 43°35' S latitude and 170°8' E longitude.



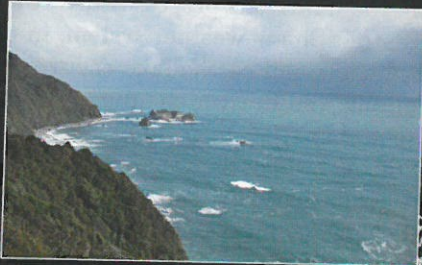
Place

No two places on Earth are exactly alike. Place describes the characteristics – both human and physical – of a location. Untracked powder attracts skiers in the backcountry near Mount Hutt.



Region

A region is an area defined by uniform physical or human characteristics. The West Coast region between the Southern Alps and the Tasman Sea is dominated by a marine west coast climate, cool and moist.



Movement

Movement includes communication, migration, and diffusion across Earth's surface in our interdependent world. New Zealand receives 2.5 million international visitors each year; Milford Sound is a major attraction; Mitre Peak appears in the background.



Human-Earth Relationships

Natural hazards are one type of human-environment connection. An equipment shed stands in ruins after being hit by an avalanche at Ohau Ski Field in 2009.

▲Figure 1.1 Five themes of geographic science. Drawing from your own experience, can you think of examples of each theme? This satellite image shows New Zealand's South Island. [Photos by Karl Birkeland, except Movement by Ian Dagnall/Alamy. Terra MODIS image, NASA/GSFC.]