

2.1 >> Physical maps

Aim – to identify elements of the natural environment

Physical maps show natural features such as rivers, oceans, seas, lakes, mountains, mountain ranges and other landforms. These are things that have not been put there by people. Geographers are interested in the **natural environment** in order to understand natural

processes and also how human activities interact with these processes. City and country dwellers are all influenced by natural features such as the shape of the land, wind patterns, ocean currents and rivers.

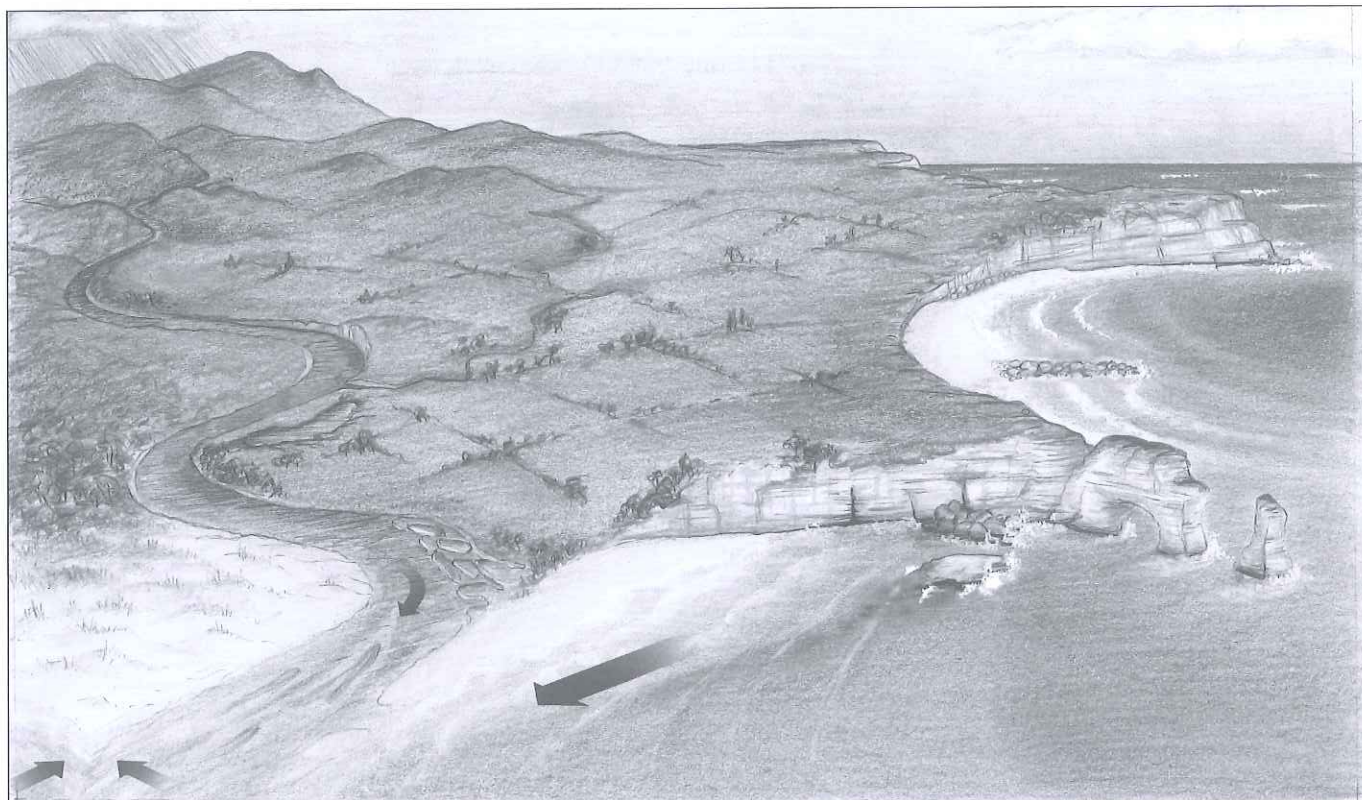


Figure 2.1 A natural landscape

sediment movement

Activities

- Look at Figure 2.1 and identify at least four features that are physical (natural) elements and two that are not physical elements.

Physical

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- _____

Not physical

- _____
- _____

handy hint !

Symbols for physical features often use colours that look like the real feature.

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