

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to recognize and describe various features and characteristics of places and environments.

Materials and Prep

- World map or globe
- Pen and paper

Before starting the lesson, make sure you have a basic understanding of different types of landscapes and environments around the world.

Activities

- Activity 1: "Guess the Feature"

Take turns describing a specific feature or characteristic of a place or environment, while the other person tries to guess what it is. For example, you could describe a place with tall mountains and snowy peaks, and the other person would guess it's a mountain range.

- Activity 2: "Create Your Own Map"

Using the pen and paper, draw your own map of a fictional place or environment. Be creative and include different features such as mountains, rivers, forests, and cities. Once you're done, exchange maps with a partner and try to identify the different features on each other's maps.

- Activity 3: "Virtual Field Trip"

Choose a location you're interested in and use an online map service or virtual reality tool to explore the place virtually. Pay attention to the different features and characteristics you observe, and take notes on what makes that place unique.

Talking Points

- **What are features and characteristics of places and environments?**

"Features and characteristics refer to the distinct elements that make a place or environment unique. These can include physical features like mountains, rivers, and deserts, as well as human-made features like cities and landmarks."

- **Why is it important to recognize and understand these features?**

"Understanding features and characteristics of places and environments helps us appreciate the diversity of our planet and how different factors contribute to shaping the world we live in. It also helps us navigate and make sense of different locations when we travel or study geography."

- **Can you give examples of physical features and human-made features?**

"Physical features include things like mountains, rivers, forests, deserts, and coastlines. Human-made features can be cities, roads, bridges, dams, and landmarks like the Eiffel Tower or the

Great Wall of China."

- **How can we identify features and characteristics on a map or globe?**

"Maps and globes provide visual representations of the Earth's surface. Physical features are often depicted with different colors, symbols, or contour lines, while human-made features are usually marked with labels or icons. By studying the legends or keys provided on maps, we can identify and understand the various features and characteristics."