

What do geographers *actually* do?

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Task: As you hear from each of the geographers add some of your thoughts to the columns below. You could follow this up by discussing some of these points with your teacher, other students in your class, or by doing your own research on the internet.

	 Something you heard that was interesting or intriguing...	 Something that you heard that links to something you've learnt at school	 Something that you don't quite understand or need clarification on
BHAVINI – Customer Success Manager			
CARLOS – Senior Town Planner			
LUCY – Community Safeguarding & Comms Officer			
NAOMI – Technology Consultant			
ADIL – GIS consultant			

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Task: As you hear from the different speakers, use what you've heard to answer the questions below. You can then discuss if your answers are similar or different to other students in your class.

Bhavini **Customer Success Manager**

List some of the challenges that Bhavini could face when she works from home:

Why do you think remote sensing* technology is important in our modern world?

**Remote sensing - scanning the earth by satellite or high-flying aircraft (like drones) in order to obtain information about it*

Carlos **Senior Town Planner**

List reasons why further study could be beneficial for a town planner:

List some of the *soft skills** Carlos uses in his role:

**Soft skills - general qualities and behaviours that are usually self-developed as opposed to technical, job specific knowledge*

Lucy **Safeguarding Community and Comms Officer**

List some of the different stakeholders Lucy works with in the different roles she's held in her company:

Explain how Lucy's current role could be beneficial to local communities:

Naomi **Technology Consultant**

List 2 topics/units in geography that you have most enjoyed learning about (think about **why** you have enjoyed these particular lessons):

What ways can you be intentional about your future career goals?

**being intentional – making deliberate choices, taking specific actions towards ensuring a desired outcome*

Adil **GIS Consultant**

List the 3 cities that Adil has worked in. Are these places you would be interested in working in? Why/why not?

Suggest how GIS technology could be used to solve a problem in your local community:

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Task: Use the questions below to reflect on the presentations in the session. You can then discuss your answers with your teacher and other students in your class.

Which job most surprised you? Explain why.

Which job role did you find the most interesting? Explain why.

Which job do you think most links to geography? Explain how.

From the roles you heard today, which one do you feel has the most potential to have positive impacts for the world we live in, and why?

Do any of the roles have a potential to combat global issues that we are facing such as climate change? Explain how.

Which job do you think least links with geography, and why?

Which role would provide you with the most transferable or soft skills if you wanted to move careers in the future? Can you list the skills?