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Introducing Human-Environment Interaction

HUMANS AND ENVIRONMENTS

The set of conditions in which people live is known as their *environment*. There are many kinds of human environments around the world.

1. What do the map and graphs on pages 16-17 tell you about these environments?

2. What do the map and photographs on pages 14-15 show?

PEOPLE DEPEND ON THE ENVIRONMENT

People depend on the environment to satisfy their basic needs. Among their needs are those for fresh water, food, clothing, fuel, and shelter.

1. What two basic needs are met by the subjects of the maps on pages 46-47?

2. What basic need is met by the photos shown at the top of page 25?

PEOPLE ADAPT TO THE ENVIRONMENT

People must adjust or *adapt* to the conditions in which they live. For example, different climates require different clothing. Would you expect to see more raincoats in Massachusetts or Nevada? Why? (Check the maps on page 29)

PEOPLE CHANGE THE ENVIRONMENT

Some conditions of the environment cannot be changed, but others can be. Use the top map on page 46 to give one example of how people can change the environment to suit their needs. (Check the dictionary if you do not know what *irrigation* means.)

TESTING YOUR UNDERSTANDING

Give an example of how people have either adapted to or changed your own environment.
