

The environment refers to our immediate surroundings in which all living and non-living components co-exist. It can be used to refer to the social, natural or built environment. The environment has a huge impact on an individual's behaviour and intellect. Any change that occurs in a living entity either directly or indirectly is related to a change in his immediate surrounding.

Types of Environment

There are three different types of environment:

1. Physical environment
2. Biological environment
3. Social environment

Physical environment: The physical environment includes land, air, water, plants and animals, buildings and other

infrastructure, and all of the natural resources that provide our basic needs and opportunities for social and economic development.

Biological environment: the natural biological factors (such as wild animals and plants or bacteria) that affect human life (as in a particular place or period).

The biological components of the environment are the living organisms, such as animals, plants, bacteria, fungus, etc.

Social environment: The **social environment, social context, sociocultural context** or **milieu** refers to the immediate physical and social setting in which [people](#) live or in which something happens or develops. It includes the [culture](#) that the individual was educated or lives in, and the

people and [institutions](#) with whom they interact.

They include: Human settlements, roads, farmlands, dams and many other things have all developed through this type of process.