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Unit 1

**The Social Sciences**

***How can we understand people?***

, , and investigate human and human

. These three sciences are called the . Sometimes the social sciences are called – the scientific study of human behaviour.

The study of human beings .

***There are two main branches of Anthropology:***

1. – This branch studies how humans have developed and what are the ways humans are similar to, or different from, .
2. – Explores how cultures shaped the way people and .

The study of .

***There are two main branches of Psychology:***

1. – These psychologists try to understand the that guide our . They examine our .

Overt Actions: those actions that . How people behave in certain situations.

Mental Processes: What goes on in the mind. How people

1. – These psychologists use the to study such as anger, anxiety, or depression to help people who are experiencing .

The scientific study of .

* It examines the relationships and the .
* It explores how the we belong to .
* It investigates .

**Different types of studies done by social scientists:**

**Topic: Education**

An anthropologist might ask:

*How does education differ from education in other cultures?*

A psychologist might ask:

*How do teenagers feel in specific situations in school?*

A sociologist might ask:

*How do girls and boys respond differently in the classroom?*

**Topic: Free Time**

An anthropologist might ask:

*How do Canadians spend their free time, as compared to Africans?*

A psychologist might ask:

*What are teenagers feeling in different free time activities?*

A sociologist might ask:

*Do teenagers have more free time than senior citizens, and what activities do they both have in common?*

**Topic: Food**

*Do Americans eat more junk food than Canadians?*

*How have teenagers eating habits changed since 1950?*

*How do you know if you have an eating disorder?*