

An abstract graphic featuring a network of colored dots (purple, pink, orange, yellow) connected by thin lines, overlaid on a background of faint, overlapping text. The text is a paragraph about Earth science.

The science of the Earth is perhaps the most varied of all the natural sciences. It is concerned with the origin of the planet Earth, its history, its shape, the materials forming it, and the processes that are acting and have acted on it. The searched term describes one of several related subjects commonly grouped as the Earth sciences, or geoscience. The earth scientists, specialized to this field, are concerned primarily with rocks.