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ge·od·e·sy  (jē-ŏd ĭ-sē)

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n.

The geologic science of the size and shape of the earth.

[New Latin *geōdaesia*, from Greek *geōdaisiā* : *geō-*, *geo-* + *daiesthai*, to divide; see **dā-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

ge·od e·sist *n.*

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