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ABSTRACT:

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After briefly discussing the human geography of the country so that those not familiar with it can form some idea of Guatemala, the paper describes the languages and ethnic groups which are to be found in the Republic.

Existing geographical names and their categories must be studied and analysed in each case, within the framework of an appropriate comprehensive interpretation, in order to show their development and whether they are standard or acceptable terms.

This is, in brief, the purpose of and reason for standardization, and the work can therefore never be divorced from reality.

Lastly, some examples are given on the basis of research, covering several centuries, concerning geographical names which are currently standardized; their development is traced, and at the same time some comments are made on the categories into which they fall.
