

Finn's Population Puzzle: Sorting our World

Learning objective: To understand the difference between population density and distribution, and identify factors that affect where people choose to live.

Finn the Dolphin is travelling the globe and has found a list of reasons why people live in certain places, and some descriptions of population patterns. Your task is to sort these into the correct categories: 'Reasons People Move (Push/Pull Factors)' or 'Types of Population Density'. Write the item number in the correct column of your table.

1. 1. Sparse: When people are spread far apart with lots of space between homes. (1 mark)

2. 2. Better job opportunities in a big city. (1 mark)

3. 3. Dense: When many people live very close together in a small area. (1 mark)

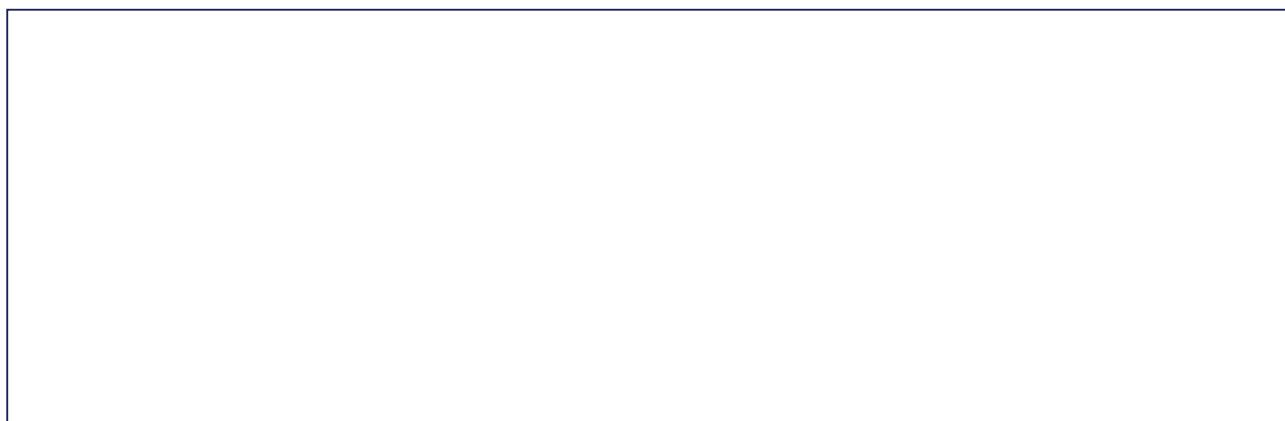
4. 4. Moving away from a place because there is no clean water. (1 mark)

5. 5. Flat, fertile land that is perfect for farming. (1 mark)

6. 6. Moving to a new town to be closer to a good school. (1 mark)

7. 7. A remote mountain region where very few people can survive. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw two small maps. On the first map, show a 'Dense' population (lots of houses and people). On the second map, show a 'Sparse' population (only a few houses far apart).



Extension challenge: If you were moving to a new country, what is the most important 'pull factor' (something that attracts you) that would make you want to live there? Explain why.