

People of the World: Understanding Population

Join Finn the Dolphin as he maps out where people live on our amazing planet!

- **Population** is the total number of people living in a particular area, such as a town, a country, or the whole world.
- People often choose to live in areas with good resources, like fertile soil for farming or a coast for fishing and trade.
- **Densely populated** areas have a lot of people living close together, often in big cities with tall buildings.
- **Sparsely populated** areas have very few people, such as the middle of a hot desert or the frozen peaks of mountains.
- **Urban** areas are built-up places like towns and cities, while **rural** areas are more open, like the countryside.
- **Population distribution** is the way people are spread out across the land; it is not equal everywhere in the world.

Did you know? Did you know? Some places on Earth are so sparsely populated that you could walk for miles without meeting another person, while in densely populated cities, thousands of people live and work in just one small square kilometre!

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