

Exploring World Population with Finn

Learning objective: To understand and describe the distribution of people across the world and the reasons why some areas are more crowded than others.

Finn the dolphin has been swimming across the globe and noticing that some places have many people living close together, while other places are very quiet. Use this frame to write your own report about world population. Use the sentence starters to help you explain where people live and why.

Population refers to the number of people living in a specific area, such as a city, a country, or the whole world.

Word bank: densely populated · sparsely populated · distribution · climate · resources · urban · rural · furthermore · consequently · in contrast

1. What is population and what does it mean when an area is 'densely populated'? (Start with: Population is... / An area is densely populated when...)

2. Which parts of the world have the most people living in them? (Start with: Looking at a population map, I can see that...)

3. Why do many people choose to live near coasts or big rivers? (Start with: People often settle near water because...)

4. What are some reasons why a place might be 'sparsely populated'? (Start with: Some areas have very few people because...)

5. How does the climate (weather) affect where people decide to build their homes? (Start with: The climate is important because...)

6. What is the difference between living in an urban area and a rural area? (Start with: An urban area is different from a rural area because...)

Extension challenge: Can you explain how the population of a city might change over time? Think about what might attract new people to move there, such as new jobs or better transport.