

Population Explorer: Understanding Where People Live

Learning objective: To understand key terms related to population, population distribution, and the factors that affect where people choose to live.

Read the term or question on the front of the card, try to explain it in your own words, and then check the answer on the back!

What is population?

Population: The total number of people living in a particular area, such as a town, a country, or the whole world.

What does 'population distribution' mean?

Population Distribution: The way in which people are spread out across a specific area.

What is a 'densely populated' area?

Densely Populated: An area where a lot of people live close together, such as a big city.

What is a 'sparsely populated' area?

Sparsely Populated: An area where very few people live far apart from each other, such as a desert or high mountains.

What is the difference between 'urban' and 'rural'?

Urban: Relating to towns and cities. Rural: Relating to the countryside.

What is migration?

Migration: When people move from one place to another to live, often for work or safety.

Finn the dolphin noticed some areas have more people than others. What is one 'physical' reason why people might avoid living in a place?

Physical factors: Very cold climates, steep mountains, or a lack of fresh water make areas harder to live in.

What is one 'human' reason why people are attracted to live in cities?

Human factors: Better job opportunities, more schools, and better transport links.

Why is access to fresh water important for population?

Fresh water. People need water for drinking, growing food (farming), and hygiene, so most populations settle near rivers or lakes.

What do we call the movement of people into a country?

Immigration: The action of coming to live permanently in a foreign country.

What do we call the movement of people out of their own country?

Emigration: The act of leaving one's own country to settle permanently in another.

How does fertile soil affect where people live?

Fertile Soil: Land that is good for growing crops attracts more people because it is easier to produce food.