

Year 4 Geography: Understanding Population

Learning objective: To understand what population is, the difference between sparsely and densely populated areas, and why people choose to live in certain places.

Read each question carefully. Write your answers clearly in the spaces provided. Good luck!

Word bank: Population · Densely populated · Sparsely populated · Urban · Rural · Distribution

1. What does the word 'population' mean when we are talking about a country or a city? (2 marks)

2. Finn the dolphin is looking at a map. He sees an area where a huge number of people live very close together in a small space. Is this area 'densely populated' or 'sparsely populated'? (1 mark)

3. Explain what a 'sparsely populated' area is. Give one example of a type of place that might be sparsely populated. (3 marks)

4. Look at the word bank. Which word describes an area of the countryside, away from big towns and cities? (1 mark)

5. Why do many people choose to live in urban areas (cities) rather than rural areas? Give two reasons. (4 marks)

6. Imagine a place that is very cold, with frozen ground and mountains. Would the population here likely be high or low? Explain why. (4 marks)

7. Max the monkey is studying how people are spread out across the UK. He notices that some areas have more people than others. Describe three things that might make a place attractive for people to live in (for example, think about water, jobs, or the land). (5 marks)

8. If a town's population grew very quickly, what is one problem the people living there might face? (Think about housing, traffic, or schools). (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a simple diagram showing the difference between a densely populated city and a sparsely populated countryside.



Extension challenge: Total: /25