

# Finn's Geography Guide: Understanding Settlements

*Learning objective: To identify and define key terms related to human settlements and why people choose to live in different places.*

Read each card. Try to remember the definition of the settlement term before checking the answer on the other side.

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| <b>What is a settlement?</b>                                                                                                 | <b>Define a village.</b>                                                                                                        |
| A place where people live and build their homes, which can range from a single house to a huge city.                         | A small settlement found in a rural area, usually with a small population and limited services like a shop or a primary school. |
| <b>What is the main difference between a town and a village?</b>                                                             | <b>Define a city.</b>                                                                                                           |
| A town is larger than a village, has more people living in it, and offers a wider range of shops and services.               | A very large and important settlement with a high population density, many buildings, and major transport links.                |
| <b>What does 'urban' mean?</b>                                                                                               | <b>What does 'rural' mean?</b>                                                                                                  |
| An area relating to a town or city, often with many buildings and roads close together.                                      | An area in the countryside, away from towns and cities, often featuring farmland or open spaces.                                |
| <b>What is infrastructure?</b>                                                                                               | <b>What are services in a settlement?</b>                                                                                       |
| The basic physical structures needed for a settlement to work, such as roads, railways, water pipes, and electricity cables. | Facilities provided for the people who live there, such as hospitals, libraries, banks, and post offices.                       |
| <b>Why might people choose to build a settlement near a river?</b>                                                           | <b>What is a 'site' in geography?</b>                                                                                           |
| For a reliable water supply, for transport, for fishing, and for fertile soil to grow crops.                                 | The specific piece of land where a settlement is built, often chosen for its safety, water supply, or building materials.       |
| <b>Give an example of a natural resource that might encourage people to settle in an area.</b>                               | <b>What does population density mean?</b>                                                                                       |
| Minerals, coal, timber, or fertile land for farming.                                                                         | A measure of how many people live in a specific area, such as a square kilometre.                                               |