

Mapping Our World: Understanding Population

Explore the globe with Finn the Dolphin – where do people live and why?

- **Population is the total number of people living in a specific area, such as a town, a country, or the entire world.**
- **Population density describes how crowded a place is. High density means many people live in a small area, like a large city.**
- **Settlements are the places where people build their homes and communities, ranging from tiny villages to giant sprawling cities.**
- **Urbanisation happens when more and more people move from the countryside to live in towns and cities.**
- **Physical features, like mountains or deserts, can make it difficult for large populations to settle, which is why these areas often have a low population density.**

Did you know? Did you know? If every person on Earth stood shoulder-to-shoulder, the entire world's population could fit within the area of Cornwall! However, people are spread out across the planet, with many choosing to live near rivers, coastlines, and fertile land where it is easier to grow food and trade.

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