

Finn's Settlement Survey

Learning objective: To identify and describe the characteristics of different types of settlements, including land use and human features.

Join Finn the dolphin on a land-based adventure! Read the questions carefully to help him understand how people live, work, and travel in different settlements. Answer all 10 questions to earn your Explorer Badge.

Answer Key: 1. A (Settlement); 2. True; 3. C (City); 4. False (Rural areas have fewer buildings and more farmland); 5. Urban; 6. B (Schools, shops, and hospitals); 7. True; 8. Hamlet; 9. B (To be near water, food, or natural resources); 10. Infrastructure.

Word bank: settlement · urban · rural · village · city · land use · infrastructure · services · population · hamlet

1. 1. What do we call a place where people build homes and live together? A) Settlement* B) Desert C) Ocean D) Forest (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: A village is generally smaller than a city. (1 mark)

3. 3. Which of these is an example of an urban settlement? A) A farm B) A forest C) A city* D) A small group of houses (1 mark)

4. 4. True or False: Rural areas usually have many tall skyscrapers and busy traffic. (1 mark)

5. 5. Is a town considered an urban or rural settlement? (1 mark)

6. 6. What are 'services' in a settlement? A) Trees and grass B) Schools, shops, and hospitals* C) Farm animals D) Rainwater (1 mark)

7. 7. True or False: Land use refers to how people use the land, such as for housing, farming, or industry. (1 mark)

8. 8. What is the name for a very small settlement, even smaller than a village? (1 mark)

9. 9. Why did people traditionally choose to build settlements in certain spots? A) To hide from the sun B) To be near water, food, or resources* C) Because they liked the colour of the rocks D) To stay away from other people (1 mark)

10. 10. What is the term for the roads, bridges, and pipes that help a settlement run smoothly? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a map of your local area. Label one part as 'residential' (where houses are) and one part as 'commercial' (where shops or businesses are).



Extension challenge: Imagine you are founding a brand new settlement. Write a short paragraph explaining three things your settlement needs to have so that people can live there happily (e.g., water source, transport links, food supply).