

Finn's Global Population Fact-File

Learning objective: To understand the distribution of human populations across different types of settlements and explain factors that influence where people choose to live.

Help Finn the Dolphin map out human settlements! Choose a specific location (such as a bustling city, a quiet rural village, or a coastal town) and complete this fact-file to investigate why people live there. Use your geographical vocabulary to explain how the environment shapes the local population.

Word bank: settlement · urban · rural · population density · resources · infrastructure · climate · geography · migration · amenities

1. Location Profile: Describe the settlement you have chosen. Is it an urban city or a rural village? What is the landscape like? (2 marks)

2. Resource Audit: List three key resources or services (e.g., water, schools, transport) that make this place a good area for a large population to live. (3 marks)

3. Explain why: Why might more people choose to live in an urban city compared to a remote, mountainous area? Consider jobs and housing. (4 marks)

4. Compare and contrast: How does the population density of a city centre differ from that of a small farming community? Justify your answer. (4 marks)

5. What might happen if: Imagine a new, large factory is built in a small, quiet village. How might this change the population of that area over time? (4 marks)

6. Critical Thinking: If you were planning a new settlement from scratch, which three geographical features would you ensure were nearby, and why? (5 marks)

Extension challenge: Design a 'Future Settlement' map. Include features that would encourage people to move there, such as green spaces, sustainable energy sources, and efficient transport. Write a short justification for your design choices, explaining how they support a healthy population.