

Exploring Our World: A Population Study

Learning objective: To describe the population distribution of a region and explain the factors that influence where people choose to live.

Use the following writing frame to structure your report on population. Use the word bank to help you link your ideas together. Ensure your writing is formal and informative.

Population refers to the total number of people living in a specific area, and their distribution across the landscape is rarely even.

Word bank: consequently · furthermore · due to · densely populated · sparsely populated · urbanisation · in contrast · settlement · infrastructure · on the other hand

1. Introduction: What is the main focus of your report and why is population distribution important? Start your paragraph with: 'The study of population distribution helps us understand...' (2 marks)

2. Physical Factors: Explain how physical geography (such as climate, mountains, or water sources) affects where people live. Start with: 'Physical geography plays a vital role in settlement patterns because...' (3 marks)

3. Human Factors: Describe how jobs, transport, and buildings encourage people to live in cities. Start with: 'In addition to the landscape, human factors such as...' (3 marks)

4. Case Study Comparison: Compare a densely populated city with a sparsely populated rural area. Start with: 'When comparing a busy urban centre to a remote rural area, it is clear that...' (3 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise why populations might change in the future. Start with: 'In conclusion, as our world develops, population patterns will likely shift because...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research a specific country of your choice. Create a list of three 'push' factors (reasons people might leave) and three 'pull' factors (reasons people might move there) for its population.